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MAY BOMBARD PORT OF BATAVA

CHINESE WARSHIPS DISPATCHED TO JAVA

Provisional President Sen Demands Indemnity for Killing of Chinese by Soldiers

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 27.—Chinese warships have been ordered to the island of Java under instructions to begin a bombardment of the port of Batava if the Dutch government does not pay an indemnity demanded for the killing of Chinese, said to have been attacked by Dutch soldiers.

In an ultimatum sent to the Dutch government yesterday, Provisional President Dr. Sun Yat Sen said an attack would be made on Java if the money was not paid within a week. This information was conveyed today in a private dispatch from Dr. Sun's private secretary to Tong Kiang Chong, editor of the Chinese Free Press.

Dr. Sun declared in his ultimatum that a passport would be given to the Dutch minister to China, if the indemnity was not paid.

According to information, the three cruisers, which left Shanghai today, are the Hai Chan, the Hai Yue and the Hai Sun. They were fully provisioned and equipped, under orders of Wong Chung Wei, minister of war.

Dispatches to the Chinese newspapers here declared that the attack on Java Chinese by Dutch soldiers, news of which was received from Nanking last night, was made without provocation, and that three Chinese were killed and many others arrested.

Chinese here explain the proposed issuance of the passport by Dr. Sun to the Dutch minister, who is said to be in Shanghai, on the ground that the Manchurian government no longer exists and that the Dutch government must treat with the revolutionists, although the republic has not been formally recognized.

Ministers Indignant.
Nanking, Feb. 27.—It is said that three Chinese have been killed and hundreds of others are imprisoned by Dutch authorities at Java, because they celebrated the abdication of the Chinese throne.

The members of the republican cabinet are most indignant. They assert that the Chinese in Java are treated like "wild beasts."

Dr. Sun and Yuan Shi Kai are co-operating in the revision of the constitution. Yuan Shi Kai is sending funds to Nanking.

Official Statement.
The Hague, Feb. 27.—A telegram from the governor-general of Java says the authorities there limited their repressive measures against Chinese to restoring order and preventing mobs of riotous Chinese from looting the shops.

Will Go to Nanking.
London, Feb. 27.—According to a Shanghai dispatch to the Post Yuan Shi Kai has decided to proceed to Nanking in compliance with the wishes of the republican leaders.

BLIND RIVER GETS NEW FRENCH NAME

Citizens Vigorously Protest Against Choice of Riviere A L'Avengle

Blind River, Feb. 27.—Fred Thompson, the postmaster here, was greatly surprised the other day to receive a communication from Hon. Pelletier, postmaster-general at Ottawa, informing him that the name of this town, Blind River, had been changed to Riviere a l'Avengle, and to send back all the blank books, money orders, etc., to be printed with the new name, which goes into effect on the first of March.

The residents of the town were dumfounded when they heard of this change, and the citizens intend holding an indignation meeting. A strong protest will be made against any such change, as it is directly contrary to the wishes of the people here, and as far as can be learned they have not been consulted in the matter in any way. The parish priest is a confirmed Nationalist, and it is likely that he used his influence with the Nationalist postmaster-general to have the change made. W. R. Smyth, M.P., may be asked if he is letting Mr. Bourassa run things in Algoma.

U. S. VICE-PRESIDENCY.

New York, Feb. 27.—The boom of Governor Frank W. Johnson of California for the Progressive Republican nomination as vice-president, as the running mate of Theodore Roosevelt, was launched at a dinner of the Insurgent Club here last night. The toastmaster, in suggesting the governor's name, referred to him as "one of the most progressive men in public life in the progressive west."

ATROCITIES BY TURKS AND ARABS

ITALY ADDRESSES PROTEST TO POWERS

Eye-Witnesses Tell of Torture and Mutilation of the Soldiers in Tripoli

London, Feb. 27.—A memorandum issued by the Italian government containing a protest and the evidence addressed to the powers concerning the atrocities committed by the Turks and Arabs on Italian soldiers killed or wounded in and around Tripoli in October last has been received in London. The memorandum also covers attacks made on Italians and the use of dum-dum bullets.

Under the first head, a report of the commander of the Twenty-Third Infantry states that at a reconnaissance made beyond trenches on November 7 and 8, they discovered five bodies completely naked, three being horribly mutilated and decapitated. The commander of the third battalion of the same regiment discovered the decapitated body of an Italian soldier. The commander of the fifth company of this regiment communicated eyewitnesses' testimony that the survivors of the battle of October 23 saw during the engagement Arabs and Turks hurl themselves on a dying lieutenant and several other wounded men, beat them savagely about the head and afterwards strip and rob them. A lieutenant, mortally stricken, was finished off with rifle shots, and blows from a spade, then dragged along the ground and stripped. Officers of the ninth company discovered the bodies of twenty-seven naked Bersaglieri covered with large deep wounds, inflicted after death and in many cases mutilated. The report says:

"Bersaglieri who miraculously escaped from the hands of the enemy declared that he saw Arab women smashing the heads of the wounded with stones, after stripping them of their clothing and boots and mutilating their corpses. The commander of ambulance No. 24 submitted a report of one of his subordinates which states that he discovered human eyes nailed to a wall underneath a Turkish shield near Amroussa.

"In a neighboring Arab cemetery five bodies were found hurled up to their chins in such attitude as to leave no doubt but that they were soldiers who had been buried alive. Other bodies were burned, others had their hands and feet removed or mutilated. A stretcher bearer was found with his right hand torn off, the lids of both eyes sewn with a thick string. Many cases of first aid ambulances were reported, and several cases of killing stretcher-bearers while carrying wounded are vouchered for by eyewitnesses. Firing on the Red Cross is alleged and in one case it is declared knife stabs were made through the Red Cross armband worn by an ambulance attendant. The memorandum concludes:

"These are painful facts that not only Italian but the whole of humanity deplores. To-day the Italian people who have had to submit to opprobrium denounces them now to universal reproach, the only vengeance worthy of its martyrs and its civilization."

French Cruiser Dispatched.
Paris, Feb. 27.—The Italian action at Beirut has caused a sensation here, for France, like other European countries, has large commercial interests as well as religious in that city. An outbreak of fanaticism, it is feared, may follow the bombardment of Beirut, and to prevent as far as possible the natural consequences of such an outbreak the French government has ordered the armored cruiser Admiral Charner, which is at Bermuda Bay, to proceed to Beirut without further delay.

Confirmation of the reports that the powers are meditating intervention with the object of bringing the Turco-Italian war to an end, is given in a semi-official note published here to-day. France, according to this note, is ready to assist in any collective action by the powers in making representations to the belligerents with the view of bringing about peace.

Bombardment of Beirut.
Rome, Feb. 27.—Admiral Cattolica, minister of marine, amid prolonged cheers in the Senate and chamber yesterday, read dispatches describing the action at Beirut and the sinking of Turkish warships by Italian cruisers.

According to the dispatches, the operations were difficult owing to the limited extent of the harbor and the danger of damaging neutral shipping and greatest along the waterfront. The best credit, the minister added, was due to the officers and men for their brilliant conduct.

Steamer Captured.
Trapani, Italy, Feb. 27.—The steamer Rescuer was captured by an Italian warship yesterday. A large number of machine guns, field guns, and Mausers and a quantity of shrapnel and grenades were found on board.

The only steamer given in the official lists with the name of Rescuer is the British vessel of 718 tons gross. She is owned by W. Grech, London, and formerly was the Norwegian steamer Bredablik.



AUNTIE "WAGS HER POW" IN THE PULPIT

His Lordship Bishop Roper treated to an admonitory and instructional discourse. For particulars see Sunday's Colonist.

RAILWAYS NEED ARMY OF MEN

BIG PROGRAMMES PLANNED FOR THE PRESENT YEAR

Force of Over Fifty Thousand Required for Construction Work in West

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—The railway companies are now faced with the problem of securing between 50,000 and 60,000 men to carry out the vast development programmes mapped out by the companies in the Canadian West during the summer of 1912. The work to be undertaken this year is greater than ever before, and it is doubtful whether the supply will near the demand.

The Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern are willing to take on all the men they can get, as both companies are desirous of rushing through their main lines to completion.

OLYMPIC STRIKES SUBMERGED WRECK

Propellers of Big Liner Damaged—Will Proceed to Belfast for Repairs

Belfast, Feb. 27.—The White Star liner Olympic, which left New York on Wednesday and was due in Southampton to-day, struck a submerged wreck in the Atlantic early this morning and is now on her way here for repairs. The damage was confined to the propellers.

The Olympic will land her passengers at the usual points before proceeding here for repairs. The Olympic carried a large passenger list and many notables were included among her first-cabin passengers; among them being Ambassador Reid, the Duke of Newcastle, Count Appenny and W. S. Corey.

Advices from the White Star Line's Seattle office state that only one blade of one propeller was damaged. The Olympic will leave Southampton one day late, but will sail from New York on the return voyage on March 16, as per schedule.

REVELSTOKE WANTS RAILWAY.

Revelstoke, B. C., Feb. 27.—It was decided at a meeting of the citizens last evening to send a delegation of twenty-four to confer with the premier and minister of railways on Thursday regarding a railway from the north to Arrowhead via Revelstoke.

WAS THE QUEBEC BRIDGE BLOWN UP?

DYNAMITE THEORY IS BEING INVESTIGATED

Report That Detectives Are Now at Work in Eastern Canada

Montreal, Feb. 27.—That the Quebec bridge disaster, August 17, 1907, which killed 74 men, and caused a loss of millions of dollars, was due to an explosion of dynamite placed there by agents of dissenting bridge workers, is the theory on which detectives are now making exhaustive investigation here.

The bridge, which was to have been the longest cantilever span in the world, was being erected by the Phoenix Bridge Company of Philadelphia, on whose works, when the bridge fell, killing forty Italians, nineteen Canadians and fifteen Americans.

About August 1, 1907, there was a strike of bridge workers and work was practically at a standstill for a time. Only a part of the regular force was at work on August 17, when the bridge fell, killing forty Italians, nineteen Canadians and fifteen Americans.

JAMAICA OPPOSED TO RECIPROCTY

Colony Fears to Incur the Displeasure of the United States

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The island of Jamaica is likely to prove a thorn in the side of the advocates of a wide reciprocity pact between Canada and the British West Indies. According to cable advices, Jamaica has decided not to send a delegate to the reciprocity conference here. This decision is based, it is declared, on the belief of the Jamaican authorities that the United States is the colony's natural market, and that any attempt in the direction of reciprocal trade with Canada would incur the displeasure of America.

OPPOSES ORIENTALS.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The potentialities of Canada are enormous and immigrants must not be Orientals, whose ideas, political, social, moral, etc., make them incapable of assimilation with the Anglo-Saxon. This was the sum and substance of the address delivered to the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon by H. H. Stevens, M. P. for Vancouver. He denied that the Hindus were in any sense pioneers.

GOVERNMENT AND NAVY PROBLEM

MINISTERS BELIEVE THEY HAVE SOLVED QUESTION

Fast Steamers, Which May Be Converted Into Cruisers, Now Being Considered

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Negotiations announced a few days ago for the establishment of a fast line of steamers between Canada and England may be a solution of the naval problem which has been bothering the government for a long time. The ships proposed would, to a considerable extent, be converted into cruisers in time of war. The Laurier idea of a Canadian navy has been abandoned, while there are objections to the contribution of Dreadnoughts.

MUNICIPALITIES ARE BEING CONSULTED

Ontario Government Will Consider Views Regarding Hydro-Electric System

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The Ontario government has no intention of rushing through the new power legislation extending the authority of the hydro-electric commission. W. K. McNaught stated yesterday that the commission was sending out invitations to all the municipalities interested in the hydro-electric scheme to the conference at the parliament buildings towards the end of the week. The new clauses will be gone over then and any objections the municipalities may have will be noted.

FINDS SALT WELL.

Discovered on Pre-emption Claim Twenty Miles From Port Essington.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Feb. 27.—Considerable interest has been aroused here by the announcement that Dan C. Whitford has discovered a salt well on his pre-emption claim at 46-Mile on the Grand Trunk Pacific, close to the railway and near the river. One gallon of water gives a half pound of clear white salt of fine quality. The point of discovery is about 20 miles up the river from Port Essington on the opposite bank of the river. There appears to be a vast amount of this salt-bearing water and the samples of salt brought to Prince Rupert are said by experts to be of prime quality.

JUAREZ TAKEN BY MEXICAN REBELS

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED BY DEFENDERS OF CITY

Officers Decide Not to Fight in Order to Avoid Complications With United States

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 27.—Juarez is in possession of the Vasquista rebels.

Firing but one or two volleys and meeting no resistance except a few scattered shots in reply to their first volley, the rebels then marched into the town, captured the guns that had been purchased to repel them, took charge of the government offices, the customs house, the barracks, the jail and other public buildings.

The rebel assault began at 10 o'clock sharp. They entered the outskirts of the city from the northwest, firing as they entered. The few hundred men in Juarez as defenders fired a few shots from various points of vantage and were then ordered by their officers to cease.

Mexican Consul Liorente of El Paso afterward declared that the officers decided not to make resistance to avoid complications with the United States. Troops were guarding the border at the time the town was taken, apparently ready to enter Juarez if El Paso should be endangered.

As the rebels marched into Juarez they found all houses closed, but no resistance. Only one man, Captain Romero, of the defenders, was wounded accidentally.

The fire of the defenders and assailants were directed so that the bullets did not fall on American soil. The rebels advanced in good order and appeared to be under perfect control of their officers. Emilio Campa was in command of the attacking party.

The rebels declared that they will maintain order and arrangements are being made to restore communication between El Paso and Juarez, if the United States troops will permit.

No looting accompanied the taking of the city.

The rebels advanced along the Rio Grande, the course taken by Madero's army last May. They spent the night in the vicinity of the old Madero camp and began their advance this morning. Parties were held just prior to Madero's assault on Juarez in May, 1911. The rebels carried a red flag beneath the Mexican tri-color.

Ambassador's Views.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Mexican Ambassador Martinez expressed the opinion to-day that the present disturbance in Mexico would not lead to a real revolution because of a majority of public opinion being opposed to it. He said the various local disturbances "would be put down in two or three months at the latest."

"The people of Mexico," he added, "have had enough of revolution and the majority are in favor of peace and quiet so that they may go ahead undisturbed with their business."

The fact that there are bands of malcontents in various parts of the country, the ambassador said, should not be taken as an indication that the Mexican people as a whole were fond of turmoil any more than the existence of assassins in other countries means that those countries are normally fond of robbery and murder.

Thirteen Rebels Killed.
Guadalupe, Mex., Feb. 27.—Thirteen rebels were killed and many wounded in a battle with the state troops at Tonayuca, near San Gabriel, in the southern part of the state of Jalisco, to-day, according to information received here. The loss of the federal troops in the fighting consisted of a lieutenant killed and three policemen wounded. The rebels were led by Francisco Del Toro, who succeeded in escaping with fifty of his own men.

Anti-American Feeling.
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.—Telegrams received here to-day tell of narrow escapes experienced by a party of automobile pathfinders on their way to Mexico City. The messages came from T. J. Beaudet, driver of a car which has been following the west coast route, who said that intense anti-American feeling was manifested, and that he and his party were stoned yesterday at San Juan del Rio, 110 miles from Mexico City. At Yucunaro, the party barely escaped with their lives from a crowd of angry Mexicans who shouted "Kill the gringos."

THE ROSS RIFLE.

Chairman of N. P. A. Says Sutherland Sight is Outside Scope of Regulations.

London, Feb. 27.—Lord Chylesmore, chairman of the National Rifle Association, told the Canadian Associated Press to-day that he had nothing to say regarding the Ross rifle difficulty excepting merely that the Sutherland sight was outside the scope of the regulations. He also denied that the party barely escaped with their lives from a crowd of angry Mexicans who shouted "Kill the gringos."

STRIKE OF MINERS MAY BE AVERTED

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE PROBABLE

Miners Will Confer With Cabinet Ministers and Owners of Mines

London, Feb. 27.—An early settlement of the dispute in the coal trade, which has threatened to throw nearly a million miners out of employment on March 1, apparently is more than probable, although it cannot yet be definitely announced.

The executive committee of the Miners' Federation has agreed to meet the representatives of the owners, members of the government and representatives of the board of trade at the premier's office this afternoon.

The clearing of the atmosphere followed a conference between Premier Asquith and his colleagues with the Miners' Federation, 160 of whom discussed the situation with the premier for nearly two hours to-day. Mutual concessions are to form the basis of expected settlement of the dispute.

A few thousand miners in the Derbyshire district ceased work at noon. No objections have been raised to the employers keeping on the necessary labor to keep the pits open if a strike is inaugurated. Even in South Wales, where the controversy is greatest, the arrangement has been made, and the South Wales Miners' Federation issued an appeal last night to the men not to go on the colliery premises and to abstain from causing damage in event of a strike.

About 30,000 workers in other industries already have received notice from their employers that the factories would be closed unless the coal strike is averted.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

Emperor William May Meet President Fallieres Next September.

Paris, Feb. 27.—Both French and German diplomats and cabinet members are considering plans for a meeting between President Fallieres and the German emperor. It is explained. The meeting, like the visit of Viscount Haldane, the British secretary of war, to Berlin, would represent another effort to solidify the peace of Europe and be an indication to the world that France is ready to do everything possible in the interest of the world harmony.

The idea is that President Fallieres should go to Belfort, the French fortress town on the frontier, in September next, and that the emperor should cross the frontier to greet the French president. The matter is one of the greatest diplomacy. The diplomats must reckon with public opinion in France, which has not yet forgotten Alsace-Lorraine.

RIOTS FOLLOW INCREASED FARES

Twelve Tramcars Wrecked or Burned at Kingston, Jamaica—Troops in Readiness

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 27.—The governor of Jamaica, Sir Sydney Olivier, has taken a determined stand to put down the riots which have resulted from the increased fares on the street railways, imposed by the railway, which is a Canadian corporation. The rioting began on Friday last, and the disorder has been continuous ever since. The governor has issued orders to the police to use armed force if necessary to quell disturbances. He directs that ample protection be given the company.

Considerable damage has been done in many parts of the city, and twelve tram cars have been wrecked or burned. Armed detachments of police are now patrolling the commercial section of Kingston and the West India troops are held in readiness at the park camp to reinforce them.

MORNING PAPER FOR HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 27.—Hamilton may have a morning paper. The local typographical union has received from the promoters an application for a scale for a morning paper. The name of the new venture, if it goes through, will be the Morning News. A charter is being applied for under the name of the Hamilton News Publishing Company.

Hamilton has three afternoon papers, but no morning paper. About twelve years ago the Morning Post was started but it did not last long. Hamilton now has over 80,000 population.

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PRINCE RUPERT HOSPITAL.

Prince Rupert, Feb. 27.—The city council has given its reply to the recently received hospital donation which sought a grant of \$10,000 in aid of the erection of a new wing. The sum desired has been voted, it being felt by most of the council that the cause is absolutely a good one. The

idea expressed by Mayor Newton of having a plebiscite on the question came in for scant support, it being felt that the citizens are whole heartedly with the hospital cause.

Leaky Roofs Repaired by Newton & Greer Co., 1226 Wharf street, makers of "Nag" composition.

INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE ORDERED

Conditions at Lawrence Engage Attention of President Taft and Congress

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Lawrence mill strike yesterday occupied the attention of both Houses of Congress, President Taft and Attorney-General Wickersham. Two resolutions directing an investigation of conditions by the federal authorities were introduced, but no action was taken upon them.

President Taft, at the request of Representative Berger, asked Attorney-General Wickersham to learn if any federal laws had been violated by local authorities who prevented the removal of children from the strike-ridden district.

Senator Poindexter, of Washington, just returned from a visit to Lawrence, introduced a resolution demanding an enquiry by the United States commissioner of labor. He declared that Lawrence was in the hands of "military autocrats." Senator Gallinger suggested that Mr. Poindexter was "too impetuous."

Senator Lodge objected to any interference in the affairs of his state. He was supported by Senators Bailey, Williams, Sherman, Chittenden and others. Senator Lodge read a telegram saying that many of the children were being sent away to excite sympathy and did not belong to the persons sending them.

Senator Bailey quoted Senator Tillman as saying the Lawrence strike had revealed conditions in Massachusetts similar to those in the slave states before the civil war.

"They have substituted white slavery for black slavery," cried Tillman.

Children Will Remain.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 27.—No attempt to export children will be made, according to a statement made last night by the strike committee. This decision was reached in view of possibility of congressional intervention, and because the cases of the mothers and children arrested during Saturday's attempt to send children to Philadelphia have not been disposed of.

CHINESE DIVIDED

ON FUTURE CAPITAL

Yuan Shi Kai Believed to Be Inspiring Opposition to Proposed Change

Peking, Feb. 27.—Telegrams have been received from various sections of the country, embodying various proposals with respect to the future capital. It is believed that Yuan Shi Kai secretly is inspiring this, with the object of dividing the south on the matter of the location of the capital.

While Yuan Shi Kai realizes the imperativeness of uniting the country, he is proceeding confidently in the knowledge that he possesses the means of converting or politically defeating his opponents. Apparently the country is very strongly in favor of Yuan Shi Kai as president.

Many soldiers who are not republicans have given their full adherence to the president-elect and Yuan Shi Kai holds the confidence of both Manchus and Chinese, which probably indicates that the suspicion that he was double-dealing for the court's overthrow was unwarranted.

The new government has decided that the country shall hereafter be officially styled "the Great Republic of China," the word "great" being intended to include Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia and Manchuria.

It has been virtually decided to convert the Forbidden City into a government inclosure, where all the officers will be situated.

When the Emperor Dowager and the Emperor depart the extensive groups about the winter palace will be converted into a public park.

May Recognize Republic.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The United States took one of the first steps yesterday toward recognition of the new Chinese republic.

Representative Sulzer, of New York, chairman of the House committee on foreign affairs, after a conference with President Taft and the state department introduced a resolution believed to be the forerunner of formal recognition by this country.

It expressed the "confident hope that by the adoption of and maintenance of a republican form of government, the rights, liberties and happiness of the Chinese people will be secured."

Mr. Sulzer insisted that the resolution was in diplomatic form, and in no way contravened the status quo in the Orient or interfered with the protocol existing between the allied powers.

MOTOR BOAT RECORD.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 27.—The Oregon Wolf, a nine-cylinder displacement motor, transferred into a hydro-plane, in a sanctioned race against time here Sunday, broke the world's motor boat records on a five-mile course, for all distances up to 20 miles. The Oregon Wolf was driven by John E. Wolf, of this city, her owner and builder, and the race was under the auspices of the Portland Motor Boat Association.

The Wolf's time for 20 miles was 42 minutes 2-5 seconds. The best previous record over a six-mile course was 44 minutes 23-15 seconds, made by the Dixie IV, of St. Louis, in 1911. The average time per mile for the entire distance was 1 minute 24-4-5 seconds.

Up-to-date horse-shoeing shop on Government street, next to Victoria Brewery.

COL. HUGHES DEFENDS CANADIAN RIFLEMEN

Says No Team for Blesley If N. R. A. Maintains Attitude Toward Ross Rifle

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—There may be no Canadian team at Blesley this year. There will be none if the National Rifle Association does not change its attitude towards the Ross rifle. So said Colonel Sam Hughes yesterday in the course of a debate.

E. M. Macdonald moved an adjournment for the purpose of discussing the treatment of the Canadian marksmen by the N. R. A. He reviewed the development of the N. R. A. rules since the ranges at Blesley, and he described it as a process of growling and pin pricks. The success of Canadian riflemen, he declared, was the secret of the whole change. The rule about sights was a mere pretext.

Colonel Hughes agreed that the Canadian riflemen had been subjected to annoyances ever since the Ross rifle had reached its present high standard. After the first success of that rifle at Blesley British marksmen ordered thousands of the weapons. This alarmed the rifle makers of England, and they were the bottom of the charge. The new rule about sights capped the climax.

Colonel Hughes next referred to the proposed new British rifle. As a result of the success of the Ross rifle, the British government had been experimenting with the new weapon. He derided that the caliber would be .276.

"This new rifle," said the minister, "seems a very strange way to treat those of us who are interested in imperial affairs."

The Canadian government had offered to lend the N. R. A. 10,000 Ross rifles free of charge, but the offer had not been yet accepted.

W. B. Northrup attacked the Ross rifle. He suggested that the interference was due to doubt, which many persons in England and in Canada felt, as to the certificate given by Sir Frederick Borden to the "Mark two double cross" rifles. How many rifles of that character had been distributed to the militia at the date when Sir Frederick Borden certified that it was the service weapon in Canada.

Colonel Hughes rejoined that he had nothing to say as to the honesty of the Canadian government in issuing certificates, but he would have said that at the time the 1,000 rifles were made, nearly all of these were in the hands of the militia. That was a higher percentage of the whole force than 10,000 would be in the British army.

"If British riflemen do not wish to use their own rifle and they don't," he continued, "the offer made to these people of 10,000 rifles may be accepted. Then the British riflemen will have an opportunity of competing on equal terms with Canadians."

If this conduct is continued, he said, he doubted whether the Canadians will send a team, and he doubted whether the Canadian riflemen would go. The subject was then dropped.

WOULD ELIMINATE SLUMS FROM CITIES

Union of Canadian Municipalities Decides to Inaugurate Vigorous Campaign

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—A conference of the executive of the Union of Canadian Municipalities was held in the city hall here under the presidency of J. W. McCready, the city clerk of Fredericton, N. B., who is the president for this year.

The city council of Winnipeg and other municipalities sent in representations in regard to the price of cement since the merger of the various companies and it was decided that the union should confer with the principal citizens and assist by every means in its power to prevent the charging of excessive prices for this very important commodity. Arrangements were made for the preparation of a joint memorial on the subject, giving facts and figures, for presentation to the tariff commission.

The question of the water powers along the line of the Georgian Bay canal was discussed and it was decided that representation should be made to the government asking that when the work is started all the water powers shall be owned and controlled by the government. It is also resolved that representations should be made to the government asking that railway companies should be compelled to bear the cost of all grade crossings. Stress was laid upon the fact that railway companies had been heavily subsidized by the various governments and that they should in return protect the public at all the level crossings.

The subject of city planning also received consideration, and it was decided to enter upon a vigorous campaign to secure some systematic and definite plans to the end that slums shall be eliminated and a uniform system of development adopted, especially in regard to new and growing centres of population.

GET EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

Samson and Lanham, the two men who were frustrated by Constable O'Connell in their attempt to rob the Ladysmith Hardware Company's store several weeks ago, appeared before Judge Baker at Nanaimo and were sentenced to eighteen months hard labor. His honor in sentencing them gave them a severe lecture saying that it was only that they were young men and the lesson might benefit them that made him make the sentence so light.

WOMAN PREVENTS JAIL DELIVERY

Calls Police Squad When Two Prisoners Reach Yard After Blinding Jailer

London, Ont., Feb. 27.—Through the presence of mind of Mrs. Harris, jail matron, a desperate jail delivery was averted. Seeing Patrick O'Brien, alias Robert Maloney, alleged footpad, and Gordon Lamotte, another alleged highwayman, in the jail yard, Mrs. Harris telephoned police headquarters and brought a squad of officers to the jail in time to prevent the men from escaping.

The men have been in jail some time. O'Brien on a charge of having shot a woman whom he had robbed on the street, and Lamotte on a charge of having held up and robbed Strathroy merchants at the point of a gun.

When Turnkey Sproule entered the corridor to give the men their breakfast they threw pepper in his eyes, knocked him down and secured the keys to the jail. The men had gained the courtyard when discovered by the matron.

With drawn revolvers the police forced the men to surrender. Mahoney is well known to the police of Canada and the United States, and is considered a desperate character.

UNREST IN CUBA.

Large Number of So-Called Veterans Will Lose Positions as Result of Court's Ruling.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Another crisis in Cuban affairs apparently is at hand. Reports from the island indicate that the unrest temporarily quieted by Secretary Knox's recent note of warning is about to break out anew as a result of the Supreme court decision invalidating the law ousting office holders who were Spanish sympathizers during the revolution.

Literary legislation of the court's decree would involve the reinstatement of a large number of displaced office holders and dismissal of the so-called veterans who were put in their places. With this in prospect, the leaders of the Veterans' Association are said to be in an ugly humor and if they should attempt to resist the decree serious trouble would ensue.

The veterans, who are both numerous and powerful, abandoned their demands for complete expulsion from government positions of all Spanish sympathizers only under pressure of the implied threats of American intervention.

THREE YEARS ON BIGAMY CHARGE

Alberta Hotelman Sentenced—Counsel Files Notice of Appeal

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 27.—Mr. Justice Stuart of the Supreme Court of Alberta sentenced William J. Bieler to serve three years in the Alberta penitentiary on a charge of bigamy. Mr. Loggie, counsel for the defence, immediately filed notice of appeal.

Mr. Loggie asked for a reserved case on the ground that the judge was in error in charging the jury that if the defendant did honestly think that he was divorced it would be no defence on the charge of bigamy and that the jury should have been charged that there was sufficient evidence that he was divorced at the time of the second marriage. His lordship refused to consider the points mentioned by counsel for the defence to stand.

The prisoner then made an ardent plea to the court for mercy, saying that he was devoted to his second wife and that although he had made one great mistake in his life he did not consider it a mistake when he took the fatal step.

His lordship acknowledged the strength of the plea for mercy, but said that other things were to be considered. He then passed sentence but refused to allow the prisoner out on bail pending the appeal.

William J. Bieler is a well known hotel and real estate man of Mannville, Alta. His first wife, Mrs. Clara Bieler, was the complainant in the case. According to the complaint the defendant married her in Monroe, Wis., in 1900. For 12 years the couple lived happily and eight children were born to them. He was then married in Canada, having five children by his second wife.

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DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY. Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.—E. Ira Bender, the third man brought to trial in connection with the alleged attempt to dynamite the county Hall of Records in September, 1910, was discharged from custody yesterday on order of Judge George H. Cabaniss, sitting for Judge Willis.

The indictment against Bender was dismissed on motion of Assistant District Attorney Ray Horton, who stated that testimony on which the state depended had proved more or less untrustworthy.

BANKER APPEALS.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 27.—A. F. Martel, former president of the defunct Market Street bank, who was convicted and sentenced to five years in San Quentin, with W. B. Nash, cashier of

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GREAT CLEARANCE OF LEGISLATION

MILL GRINDS OUT BILLS AT ITS TOPMOST SPEED

Over Thirty Measures Crowded to Final Reading at Yesterday's Sitting

Legislative Press Gallery, February 27.

The rush of legislation kept up all afternoon and evening and until an early hour this morning. The opposition had, however, to abstain from any detailed discussion of these. Many of the bills given a third reading during the two sittings had come down Saturday night and others at the Monday sittings, so that no time was given for any careful or reasoned consideration of them, while the reckless speed with which legislation was being rained through during the day put all thought of debate out of the question.

Over thirty bills were given their final stages at one or other of the three sittings of the day, and of the majority of these it is safe to say that few members have any idea of what they contain or what effect they will have.

The supply bill was introduced at the afternoon sitting and was given its final stages and passed in the evening. After it had been reported from committee the minister of finance was willing to let it stand for third reading in the morning, even though there was no objection. The Speaker, however, suggested that as there was no objection the bill might as well be got rid of.

W. H. Hayward's bill to regulate employment agencies by placing them under the supervision of the provincial police and exacting a license was passed in committee. Applicants for licenses must satisfy the superintendent that they are fit and proper persons. At the suggestion of Mr. Hawthorthwaite those who are seeking to conduct an agency for female servants must also produce a certificate of character from two justices of the peace or the mayor of the city. This is to prevent the use of such agencies as feeders of the white slave traffic. The penalty for any breach of the act was raised, also at the suggestion of the member for Nanaimo, to not over \$100 nor less than ten, or in default of payment three months in gaol.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved the second reading of a similar bill he has had on the order paper, and the penalties of which he recommended for future adoptions. He proposes that government agents shall act as employment agencies. The premier made his announcement regarding a labor commission and the member for Nanaimo withdrew his bill.

The Municipal Act amendments were taken up in committee of the whole at the evening sitting. The attorney-general had added a provision that the salary of the mayor may be any sum not exceeding \$4,000 in cities of over 20,000 population.

Councils are given power to purchase the whole of a property where its expropriation would destroy its usefulness, and where the owner is willing to sell the whole, and if there is any land the city does not need in carrying out the purpose for which it is expropriating it may sell it by public auction.

Amendments to the Public School Act passed include power to boards to expropriate property, authorizing the appointment by cities of municipal inspectors of schools and providing for a ten per cent. discount for prompt payment of school taxes.

Parker Williams asked that the government assume the construction of school buildings in rural schools, and was the case prior to 1905. While there might have been reason in saving them owing to the lack of money in 1902-4-5, he said, with a full treasury the department should again assume this duty. It should be a legislative right of the outlying districts, too, and not a privilege to be sued for.

The minister of education contended that Newcastle district had been well treated as an assisted school district, and there was always provision in the act allowing the government to build schools. The government could not accept the suggestion.

C. E. Tisdall (Vancouver) moved the second reading of the amendment to the Vancouver Incorporation Act, explaining the principle clauses of the act. The city desires to conserve its borrowing powers during the next eight years to the extent of \$4,000,000; so that if need be in 1915 it may be in a position to acquire the B. C. Electric franchise. It is sought to have the police commissioners submit their estimates annually to the city council. Control of cremation by the city, and other powers in view are control of theatrical performances and inspection of freight and passenger elevators in buildings.

In the evening the bill was taken up in committee and finally disposed of.

The House took up in committee a bill to relieve the land-owners of the former district municipality of Dewdney of some \$12,000 and interest due the province.

Premier McBride explained that by the Dewdney Municipality Relief Act, 1906, it was provided that the government should appropriate \$25,000 for the purpose of paying off certain liabilities incurred by the corporation some years before, in connection with the erection of works for the protection of lands from inundation by the Fraser river, which works were in 1894 partially destroyed. Of this sum \$10,000 was to be borne by the province and \$15,000 by the then municipality, which was dissolved by the act. Its payments were to be spread over twenty-five years, but the sum had never been raised and was still due the province. The burden of this tax had hindered the repair and

reconstruction of the works destroyed and retarded the progress and development of the district. It was, therefore, proposed by the government in this bill to remit the tax and cancel it as from January 1, 1910.

Parker Williams did not oppose the bill but objected to special favor being shown to one municipality as against another, and suggested that a reason for this was the fact that the district returned a government supporter.

The premier acknowledged that it created a bad precedent, but considered that as the conditions surrounding it were special the bill was justified. In the evening the bill was passed.

The following bills were read a third time and passed during the day: An act to validate certain municipal by-laws.

An act to amend the Coal and Petroleum Act.

An act to extend the time for the commencement of construction of the line of the South-East Kootenay Railway Company.

An act to ratify by-law No. 54 of the district municipality of Penticon, being the Kettle River Valley Railway Aid By-law, 1911.

An act to incorporate the Vancouver Grain Exchange.

An act to amend the Veterinary Act.

An act to amend the Special Surveys Act.

An act to amend the Lunacy Act.

An act relating to the re-survey of D. L. 264A, Group 1, New Westminster District, and within the limits of the city of Vancouver.

An act to amend Chapter III of the Revised Statutes.

An act to amend the Liquor License Act.

An act to amend the License of Canaries Act.

An act to amend the Provincial Elections Act.

An act to amend the Shops Regulation Act.

An act to amend the Water Act.

An act to amend the Land Act.

An act to amend the British Columbia Railway Act.

An act to amend the Settled Estates Act.

An act to amend the Companies Act.

An act respecting Rural Telephone Systems.

An act to amend the British Columbia University Act.

An act further to amend the Dyking Assessments Adjustment Act, 1905.

An act to remove the disability of women so far as relates to the study and practice of the law.

An act to amend the Creditors' Relief Act.

An act for the regulation of pool-rooms in districts not included in any municipal area.

An action for the remission of certain taxes imposed by the Dewdney Municipality Relief Act, 1906.

An act for establishing an Industrial Home for Girls.

An act to amend the Municipal Elections Act.

An act to amend the Bills of Sale Act.

An act to amend the Trade Licenses Act.

An act to incorporate West Vancouver Municipality.

An act to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

An act to amend the Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Act.

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LEGISLATURE THROWS OUT AN AMENDMENT

Initial Mistakes Made in Quality of Roadways Pursues Council Like a Nemesis

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 26.

The difficulty created early in the campaign for good roadways in Victoria, by giving the people of Rockland avenue and two or three other streets what is far from being a macadam surface, is bearing fruit in still other difficulties for the city. Attempts have been made during a couple of sessions to have the initial mistakes legalized, but the legislature has, not been caught napping, and turned the attempt down, each time.

To-night an amendment was before the House which was designed to meet the difficulty which has arisen on Fort street, where it has been found that granite sets should have been laid against the street railway rails instead of having the asphalt come flush to the rail. It was argued by the president of the council that under this the Rockland blunder would be legalized and the ratepayers forced to pay for the almost worthless roadway which has been foisted upon them. The House appeared to share his distrust of the real intentions of the city legal department in framing the amendment, and all H. B. Thomson's persuasive Irish blarney was unable to secure its passage.

The terms of the amendment, which was proposed to be made part of the Municipal Act as sub-section 2 of section 55, and which did not appear on the order paper until the night sitting, were as follows:

"If in the course of the carrying out of any work of local improvement any change in plan or specification be found necessary or expedient to ensure the more efficient carrying out of such work or the greater durability or utility of such work, and if such change shall not increase in any way the assessment payable by the parties assessed or to be assessed for the work outlined in said plan and specification, the council may from time to time, by resolution, direct such change in plan or specification, and thereupon the provisions of such resolution shall date back and form part of the by-law as at and from the date of the

passing thereof, and the council may make assessments to cover the completion of such work as changed by the said resolution."

Mr. Thomson, who was in charge of the amendment, explained the difficulty which had arisen in the Fort street case and in other local improvement works, where no slight change in the by-law which did not change the original cost was possible. In regard to Fort street it was absolutely necessary to alter the work to the extent of laying sets next the rails instead of asphalt.

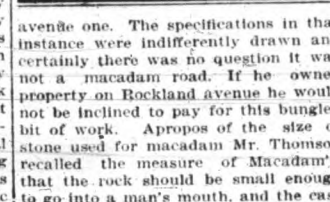
"This amendment may have more in it than appears on the surface," said Hon. A. E. McPhillips. "There are cases in the city of Victoria now where litigation is pending, as on Rockland avenue, and I would lodge a protest against any legislation that would interfere with these cases. I have grave suspicions of all these amendments which are sought to be placed in the Municipal Act, coming from the solicitors of municipalities. They emanate from the solicitors' department because it has been found that they are faced with litigation against the city and they desire to head this off. My experience of municipal councils is that once you give authority they seem quite oblivious of the rights of the city and become very autocratic. I think the legislature has conferred almost too much power on municipal authorities, because owing to the annual change of councils they do not bring very much experience and sometimes very little ability to bear on their civic duties."

"To take a home instance of what we are asked to do in this omnibus clause: I go to a tailor and order a broadcloth suit to cost me \$75. He makes me an inferior tweed suit and insists that I shall take it, and be forced to keep it, because it is only going to cost me \$25. Why should the council ask ratepayers to go down to the city hall, examine the specifications and agree to them, and when they do and the work is done they are given a very indifferent road and one they would not have agreed to at all, and then be asked to pay for it? And then why should they come here and ask us to cover up their blunders? To ask the legislature to grant this power asked for here is a great injustice."

"That condition I have stated in the condition of Rockland avenue. The ratepayers were promised a macadam road. A macadam road, called after a famous engineer, has a well-understood definition, and no stone in the top layer of rock shall be larger than will pass through a ring two and one-quarter inches in diameter. Yet I have seen myself on Rockland avenue stones that were six inches across bursting through the surface of the roadway. That is the situation, there to-day, and therefore I for one, unless the hon. gentleman in charge of this amendment is able to demonstrate to me that there is no ulterior purpose in it, and no attempt to force anything like this on the people, will oppose its passage."

Mr. Thomson did not think the bill touched such cases as the Rockland

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avenue one. The specifications in that instance were indifferently drawn and certainly there was no question it was not a macadam road. If he owned property on Rockland avenue he would not be inclined to pay for this bungled bit of work. Apropos of the size of stone used for macadam Mr. Thomson recalled the measure of Macadam's that the rock should be small enough to go into a man's mouth, and the case in Scotland, where they sent him word that a certain piece of road-making was a slow process because there were not enough men in the district to test the rock.

On the merits of the amendment Mr. Thomson urged that it was aimed at getting better work done, and provided that there should be no increase in the assessment. It might be that after a by-law was passed the engineering department would find it better to change the grade or alter the width of a boulevard. In the case of Fort street it was very important that rock sets should be laid next the rails, as the by-law called for. Although only laid last fall the asphalt alongside the tracks was already coming up. It would cost the paving company more to lay the sets but they preferred to do so and save in the maintenance during the period of their guarantee.

Mr. McPhillips insisted that, like validating by-laws, this amendment put a premium on negligence and carelessness by council, solicitors and engineers. It permitted a council to do its duty in a very indifferent manner, solicitors to draw by-laws up loosely and engineers to be careless with their specifications, in that all they had to do was to come to the legislature to get their blunders rectified. The really vicious clause in the amendment was "and if such change shall not increase in any way the assessment payable." This would certainly make the section retroactive and applicable to Rockland avenue and similar cases.

"We are providing to-night to give mayors \$4,000, and aldermen are also

in receipt of a salary," continued the president of the council. "If they are well paid let them do their work efficiently and well in the first place. If they make mistakes let them answer for them, as we have to answer for mistakes, instead of coming here and asking us to declare that their mistakes are all right and with the force of law."

J. H. Hawthorthwaite said there was something very absurd about the council following a procedure which took some time and gave ample opportunity for reflection, and then approaching the legislature with the explanation that they now found what they had arranged for was not right.

"In this case they cannot say they acted in ignorance," said Mr. McPhillips. "They had the glaring experience of Vancouver with the laying of asphalt up to rails to guide them. But now, because they made a blunder, this legislature is asked to place a very dangerous general provision in the law. Let them get out of the difficulty into which they have blundered the best way they can."

Mr. Thomson contended that in the case of Fort street the material would be improved without the cost being increased.

"Who is to judge of whether it is an improvement or not?" asked Mr. Brewster. "The council!"

Mr. McPhillips suggested that when the council had specific bills to remedy it should seek a remedy for that alone and not try to smuggle in some general power which would allow it to foist any class of work on the ratepayers. The amendment was lost by the almost unanimous voice of the House.

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We mean the Public Accounts Committee of the Provincial Legislature. Less than two weeks ago Premier McBride, with an unusual degree of warmth, gave Mr. Brewster unqualified assurance that the committee would be reconstituted and that every matter Mr. Brewster wished to investigate would be investigated. Late last week the Premier was goaded into making a similar promise, though those who heard him make the last one noted the nonchalance which betokened a promise made to be broken. The Legislature is about to prorogue and the committee has not met.

It must not be assumed that the honorable gentlemen who constitute the committee were conspirators with the Premier in this shirking of their responsibility. The Times believes that some of these men were desirous of having the committee called together. The Times knows that some of the members of the Legislature not on the committee were anxious that it should discharge its functions. If for nothing more, that the criticisms of this paper, of Mr. Brewster and the suspicions of the country generally might be silenced. Yet the committee has not met. There must be reasons why the ministers did not wish it to meet. There must be things covered up in the long interregnum since the committee has met which the government does not want even the members of its own party to know. It is three years since anyone outside of officialdom has had an opportunity to scrutinize the public accounts. There were many matters opened by the questions of Mr. Brewster and Mr. Parker Williams—none, however, by Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite—which the Public Accounts Committee should have settled. Had the members met and gone into the accounts, reporting correctly upon their findings, the country would have known the facts. Whether satisfied with the state of the public accounts or otherwise, there would have been at least a knowledge of the facts. The reason they did not meet is because the Premier has not permitted them to meet, and the reason he has not permitted them to meet is that he knows there are in the public accounts many items which he dare not have brought into the light of public knowledge.

Had the committee met we should have been informed as to how much money the government has received on account of 42,800 acres of land bought by Messrs. Vetch, Davis and Ker in the Ootsa Lake district at \$2.50 per acre and sold in England at \$5.75 per acre before it was surveyed. This is the concern whose British Columbia interests are in the hands of the legal firm of the Attorney-General, and it might have been discovered that the men high up in the government are betraying the public trust. Ricketty as is the Premier's following, it would ill accord with his plans to have the Attorney-General indicted by the Public Accounts Committee even by the implication that he is looking after the affairs of a syndicate which owes the government money and whose credit the government is, apparently, carrying.

The committee might have discovered where the money went in the construction of a bridge at Baker creek which was estimated to cost \$900 by the government engineer and which cost the public accounts \$3,200. The Times is informed by a responsible engineer who has seen this bridge that if it were swept away to-morrow it could be replaced in every detail for \$900 and money made on the work.

Had the committee met and called for persons and papers it would have been compelled to disclose the crooked

work of the government in connection with the traffic bridge across the Columbia river at Revelstoke. It might have discovered into whose pockets—other than those of the contractors—the money went which made the bridge cost the country more than twice the sum for which the contractors actually bonded themselves to build it.

Had this committee met it might have been compelled—in sheer honor and to escape perjury—to disclose what sums are overdue from corporations in lieu of taxation. It might have found out what sums are overdue on account of income tax and it might have been forced to publish the names of people whose goodwill it is thought best by the government to cultivate.

These enumerated items are but a tithe of the conditions which might have been uncovered had the committee been permitted to meet. The plain fact is that the public accounts of the province are in such a scandalous condition that Mr. McBride dare not permit a committee of his own party to examine them. To do so would be to place upon these men the last straw which would break the already tensioned strain which holds some of them to their political chief. Had they been permitted to meet and had the facts of their findings been made public—their surely must—these men could not face their constituents in defence of the conditions which prevail in the treasury with respect to the public funds.

We are not alarmists, but we have no hesitation in declaring that the violation of the Premier's most sacred promises made to Mr. Brewster as well as his defiance of ever precedent but his own in preventing a meeting of the committee was intended to keep dark a condition of affairs which when it does finally become public property will drive the Premier into private life.

BREWSTER'S WORK.

The legislature prorogued to-day. The Times ventures to place on record its unreserved and sincere appreciation of the good work done during the session by Mr. H. C. Brewster. While the member for Alberta has always enjoyed the fullest confidence of the Liberal party and the justified esteem of the members of both political parties, his services to the Liberal cause and to the country at large have merited unusual commendation and gratitude. To many men the difficulties Mr. Brewster had to face, occupying the position that he did, would have been insuperable. Many weaker or less courageous men would have subsided and allowed the mad members of the government to pursue their extravagant course with but desultory criticism.

The member for Alberni has manifested unusual strength both of mind and body in the performance of his arduous task. Every one of his speeches in the sessions has been worth listening to and worth reading. He has developed a strength of analysis and forensic ability in speech which were not wholly unsuspected before he was put on his mettle as he has been during the sessions closed. Hampered at every turn by the government and obstructed at the most vital points of his criticisms, he has scored heavily, and we cannot but think that it was to his pounding fire and incessant scolding of the cover of the government that the precipitate prorogation must be attributed.

It would be a pity if the voters in Mr. Brewster's constituency should fail to appreciate the valiant services he had rendered to the province during the last six weeks. The whole conduct has been such that we should think any constituency must be proud to have him as its representative.

PARKER WILLIAMS.

It would be ungracious and unjust on the part of this paper did not the Times recognize the studiously consistent course pursued by the member for Newcastle during the sessions of the legislature which close to-day. Mr. Williams was mainly enough to render the lone Liberal member in the House his name and signature in order that resolutions in the public interest might be introduced. In doing so he performed a necessary duty conscientiously while holding himself free from responsibility for the substance of these resolutions. We are in no way committing ourselves to Mr. Williams' economic theories when we say that his assistance has made possible many things which would have been impossible in the Legislature without him.

Apart from this, his own share in the debates has done him increasing credit. His speeches have been broadly analytical, while his figures of speech, similes and metaphors have been quite above the average had the members of the government been sufficiently intellectual to appreciate their force. The organs of the government have dubbed Mr. Williams "the jester of the legislature," and in doing so they have written themselves down lacking in that most essential of all qualifications in a journalist—the ability to see a point. Blind in one eye and strabismic in the other by the operation of lading \$10,000 a year from the public porridge kettle, the organs can afford to be obtuse. In fact it appears to pay to be obtuse.

"COMRADE" HAWTHORNTHWAITE

The name is in itself sufficiently protruded to form a headline without initials or crudal appendages presently belonging to that transparent individual who bears it. It is an odd name, becoming to the man who wears it, and taken together—the person and the name—they stand for the most sublime co-ordination of brass, humbug, political chicanery and betrayal of his fellows that the Socialist directory contains. Whatever lingering doubt might have remained in the minds of some of the Socialists of the province who know Hawthornthwaite only by his platform utterances and his printed speeches there can be no longer any disguise of the fact that he has been, since he entered the provincial parliament, the check-by-jowl tool of Premier McBride. Since he has become a capitalist his Socialistic vapourings sound strangely even to himself, and because of that he has been little heard in the legislature. He came in time to take his seat, draw his sessional indemnity and play the fool for the government autocrats who, with all their power, do not seem to be able to trust themselves to hand him what is due. It would be interesting to the public to learn the nature of the compact into which Mr. McBride and Hawthornthwaite entered ten years ago through which Mr. McBride was kept in power during his first parliament. Some people say this can never

be known, and we think they are right. Mr. McBride dare not throw Hawthornthwaite, as many of his own supporters have often urged him to do, and Hawthornthwaite sticks like a burr to the spot where both kudos and lucre obtain.

So it is between them. Like the "unholy alliance" at Ottawa, the Tory government is always able to compound a contract with Nationalist or Socialist allies so long as by means of such it may hold the handle of the fleshpots. Consistency does not matter. Hawthornthwaite may brag before a company of his misguided dupes in Vancouver that it is the right of any man to tear down the British flag and trample it under feet if he wishes to do so. He has then only to come to Victoria to sit head-to-head and heart-to-heart with the flag wavers who fear the disintegration of the empire if they are driven from power. The spectacle is one of sublime pathos and the principals in the farce care no more for the masses concerning whose welfare they profess to lose much sleep than a buzzard cares for a skeleton after it has licked the marrow from the bones of the carcass in the desert.

And, to tell the truth, we do not know which should be more despised, the premier who is in Hawthornthwaite's power or the greg who so fantastically dances before the footlights as the Socialist leader of British Columbia. Our own opinion is that both men are of the same measure and the thickening of events confirms the uncomfortable suspicion.

The motion passed in the legislature yesterday at the instance of the Premier that the public accounts be referred to the Select Standing Committee was an insult to the dignity of the House and the minister making it should be ashamed of himself. For Mr. Bowser to second such a resolution when he knew that the House would prorogue within 36 hours after it had passed was to treat the members of the opposition and the members of that committee with an undeserved contempt. It was in no sense a justification for the subterfuge of the Premier, and to thinking people it will not appear as even a technical carrying out of the Premier's pledges. Yet even the members of that committee swallowed it and we are informed some of them voted for it.

A DESIRABLE PEW.

From the Altoona Gazette.
 A paper in the neighborhood of Johns town advertises a church pew for sale, "commanding a beautiful view of nearly the whole congregation."

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ONLY a few more days are left for our February sale and here are a few of our closing out bargains. They are great ones and should interest every economical housekeeper. See the window display on View street and you will realize that the bargains are bigger than even the most exacting would expect.

TAPESTRY CARPET SQUARES—These are in floral and conventional designs in ground shades of fawn, two toned green and dark green with various colors. They have interwoven borders, a hard-finished surface and are woven in one piece. Size 6 ft. 9 in. x 9 ft. Special sale price, only **\$2.90**

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BRASS EXTENSION RODS for sash or casement curtains, all complete with brackets. Special for Wednesday's selling, 3 for **10c**

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CHINA CABINET, made of fumed oak, has glass doors and ends, 3 shelves and a low back. Top measures 39 in. long by 15 in. wide. Height 5 ft. February sale price **\$19.75**

OAK CHINA CABINET, in Early English finish, has solid ends and two glass doors, height 5 ft., width 45 in., and 1 ft. deep, has four shelves and top is neatly finished to accommodate books or china. Sale price **\$23.75**

CHINA CABINETS, with adjustable shelves, made of well seasoned oak and to be had in golden or Early English finishes. Has two glass doors, three shelves and two drawers 5 in. deep under the cupboard. Size 5 ft. high, 3 ft. 3 in. wide and 16 in. deep. February sale price **\$18.75**

CHINA CABINET, in golden oak, finished with neat touches of carving, high shaped and carved back, three adjustable shelves, two drawers with neatly shaped fronts and two glass doors. A very good value at **\$18.75**

SURFACE OAK CHINA CABINET, golden finish, 31 in. wide, 5 ft. high and 11 in. deep, has three shelves, neatly shaped and carved top and two glass doors. February sale price **\$11.75**

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PRINCESS SLIPS, made of cotton. These are a very strong and serviceable garment made with a tucked flounce edged with lace. The neck and sleeves are neatly finished with a lace edging. There is no better value than these at, per garment, only **\$1.25**

PRINCESS SLIPS, made of a good cambric. The skirt has a flounce of embroidery and the corset cover is neatly trimmed with lace. A value that is hard to beat at, per garment **\$1.35**

PRINCESS SLIPS, made of fine cambric. These garments have a handsome yoke of embroidery and the skirt is finished with an embroidered flounce. Price, per garment **\$1.75**

PRINCESS SLIPS, made of a fine muslin. The skirt has a flounce of fine Swiss embroidery and the corset cover has a yoke of embroidery finished with lace beading and ribbons. Per garment **\$2.25**

PRINCESS SLIPS, made of fine muslin. In a variety of dainty styles. Some are trimmed with fine Valenciennes lace and others with embroidery. Prices, per garment, range from \$3 up to **\$12.50**

COTTON DRAWERS for girls. They are made with flills and tucks and come in sizes from 2 to 16, at, per garment **35c**

DRAWERS for girls. They are made of strong cotton and are finished with tucked and embroidered flounce. Sizes for girls from 2 to 16 years. Per garment **50c**

BLACK SATIN DRAWERS for girls from 1 to 16 years old. A good value at, per garment **40c**

MOIRE UNDERSKIRTS, made of soft silk, in a variety of colors. All sizes at, per garment **\$3.50**

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ONE HUNDRED SUITS OF BOYS' CLOTHING AT SPECIALLY LOW PRICES ON WEDNESDAY

There is not a single suit in this lot that is not worth far more than we are asking for them on Wednesday and every one of them are new goods for spring and summer wear. Our buyer made a very fortunate hit when he secured this lot and we are offering you the benefit of this lucky purchase. The goods are being shown in the Douglas street windows and one glance will be sufficient to convince you that the values are well above the average at the prices they are marked, especially when you consider that the season has hardly commenced.



Tweeds in light weights are the materials, and the most popular colors are the greys, greens and browns; but we have others to choose from. Sizes range from 23 to 36 and will fit boys up to the age of 16. The styles are double breasted and Norfolk and you can have bloomer or plain trousers with any suit, but the bloomer trousers will cost you 25c more than the prices quoted. An extra pair of trousers to match the suit may be had at a cost of about \$1 extra. Price, per suit, \$3.50, \$4.25, \$3 and **\$2.75**

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All new models and two shades of green and black to choose from. This will give you an opportunity to get the boy a full outfit at a very modest cost. There are only a few dozen of these hats and if a low price, combined with an excellent quality, is an inducement, there should be many ready purchasers for them, so shop early. All one price **75c**

\$1 FOR STRONG PRINT WAISTS

YOU CAN'T GET BETTER VALUES

New shipments are pouring in every day and it looks as if we are going to be in a better position than ever in this department this spring. Spencer's values in waists has long been recognized as a standard of value in Victoria, but we consider that these lines have the average beaten by a long shot. Ask to see them in the department.

HEAVY PRINT WAISTS in the plain tailored style. They come in light and dark blue stripes on a white ground. The stripes are in a variety of widths and all sizes are included in the line. Some of them have shoulder pleats and all have a laundered, detachable linen collar, box pleat front and a patch pocket. The cuffs are in the striped material and are laundered. Special value, per garment **\$1.00**

HARLINE STRIPE PRINT WAISTS in black and white; blue and white, and mauve and white. They have laundered, detachable linen collars, soft link cuffs, patch pockets and a box pleat front with pearl buttons showing through. We strongly recommend this line. Per garment **\$1.00**

SERVICEABLE PRINT WAISTS with very fine black lines. These waists will launder well and may be had in all sizes. They come with laundered, detachable linen collars, laundered link cuffs of self and box pleat down the centre. The fronts are with two pleats, one inch wide and full length, also a shoulder pleat on either side. Per garment **\$1.00**

Ask to see them in the department. Many other styles and prices.

Sample Goods at Saving Prices Wed.

GINGHAMS in a variety of colors, large and small checks. Per yard **12 1/2c**

ZEPHYRS AND GINGHAMS—These are all English manufacture and are the newest stripe and check designs. They are 31 in. wide and are selling at, per yard **15c**

SILK FINISHED MULLS, in plain and striped effects with a good silk finish. These are splendid value at, per yard, 25c and **20c**

ENGLISH PRINTS in all colors. These will launder well, the colors are fast. Regular value 15c a yard. Special sale price, **10c**

WHITE VICTORIA LAWNS, 36 in. wide at, per yard, 25c, 20c, **15c**

WHITE CAMBRIC, 36 in. wide at, per yard, 20c and **15c**

WHITE MULLS—These are a very fine quality. Per yard, 30c, **25c**

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NEWS OF SPORT

CHANCES OF BEES LOOK GOOD TO L. A. WATTELET

General Manager is Conservative in His Forecasting of Finish Though—Sizing up Team—Another Pitcher Signed.

"In the first six" is how General Manager Wattelet replies to the query, "Where will the Bees finish this season?" and his answer denotes good, common sense, for no matter how good a team looks on paper its strength is at the best problematical until the men have proved their worth in action. With other teams, say Vancouver and Spokane, it is somewhat different. They can be relied upon to give a good account of themselves because they have a foundation of last season's most reliable players—men who in one case won the pennant and in the other brought their team into second place—upon which to build.

Even at that, though, Wattelet regards the outlook for the Bees to be rosier than for two or three of the other clubs. The Beavers are a splendidly balanced team, the Giants look to be dangerous and the Pipers ought always to be in the running because they have the Portland Coast Leaguers to recruit from, but I don't think the Indians have anything on us and the Tigers even as much," is the way he puts it.

Sizing up the men—Wattelet had gathered together the inquisitive fan may hazard a pretty fair guess as to how the team will stack up after June 1, when the roster must be cut down to sixteen. Of the dozen or so pitchers seven are old experienced hitters, Narveson, Wilson, Kaufman, Smith, Berker, McCreary and Clark. Of these five Wilson, Kaufman, Smith, Berker and Clarke, have worked in big league or class A ball, and as they are none of them past the age limit for good ball playing, they can't be classed among the down and outs. Of the youngsters one or two at least ought to make good, so that all of the seven mentioned cannot be kept.

For the position behind the bat there are Grindle, Burke and DeYork, and judging from Pinkie's showing last season the latter two should stick. Pinkie uses his head at all times and his work is full of ginger, but both his backstopping and base throwing leave something to be desired.

Lou Nordyke has, of course, a sure thing in the job at first, and Kellar, Sadofsky, and Brennan, would look pretty good at second, short and third, but there are one or two other candidates who must be taken into consideration before the fan puts his money on them.

Fred Raymur Coming Back. Fred Raymur is coming back for one, and if he can do the "come back" stunt in another sense Kellar will do well if he freezes him out. Regarding the reports that Raymur had retired from baseball Mrs. Raymur wrote to Wattelet the other day from Imperial, California. "There is nothing in it at all. Fred is coming to play ball this summer and play better than he did last season, so there. He is out shooting ducks most of his time and is in the best of health."

Sadofsky has a dangerous man to back in Rawlins and will have to show something pretty classy in the way of fielding, batting and base-running if he eats at the Bees' expense this season, and there may appear a dark horse among the rest of the youngsters to dislodge Brennan from the third sack.

Clementson, Kennedy, Jimmy Adams and Ted take your choice for the outfield. Any three can play the outfield well and it is a question if a good man won't be lost in the one who bumps up against the book.

A New Pitcher Signed. This morning a six-foot string bean who laid claim to the moniker, John J. Grady, wandered into Wattelet's office and asked for try-out on Victoria's pitching staff. After a few pointed queries and an appreciative glance over the build of the applicant, the general manager acceded to his request. Grady, it seems, was with Edmonton in the Twilight League in 1910, when he pitched 17 games, winning 10 and losing 7. He didn't play ball last season, being engaged in a more lucrative occupation up north.

Has Secured Wonder. President Durdale of the Seattle Giants, has signed an alleged wonder in P. J. Schneider, a pitcher who last week twirled a no-hit game down in California.

Wants Higher Standing. And now comes President Fielder C. Jones, of the Northwestern League, with a statement to the effect that he's going to present a petition of many thousand names to have his league increased to Class A standing.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Jones is not asking anything that is not deserved. The national association should not play favorites in the matter of special legislation.

Ort Can't Break Away. George Ort, former first baseman for Seattle, who got in wrong last season by assaulting Umpire Jake Baumgarten, failed utterly in his effort to have organized baseball declare him a free agent. President Durdale sent him a couple of contracts before February 1, but Ort complained to the commission that he had not been tendered a contract. All Durdale had to do was to fire in his receipts from the post office and Ort's case was knocked in the head. Official notification of the decision was received Saturday afternoon by President Durdale. Ort has been sold to Boise, in the Union Association, and he will go there, or not play ball. He is now living in Detroit.

Ten Million Departs. Charlie Mullen, of the Chicago White Sox, and Ten Million, who reports this spring to the St. Louis Cardinals, left Seattle Sunday for the east, where they will join their respective training camps.

Both are Seattle boys and learned their baseball in Seattle high schools and in the University of Washington, and are perhaps the best known athletes ever developed there.

Record Price for Pitcher. Portland, Feb. 27.—Bob Brown, Vancouver baseball owner, is here. He offers McCreedy 35 cents for Pitcher Maxmeyer.

NOT MUCH CHANCE OF A CUP SERIES

Coast Champions Go East After March 15 If There is Ice Then

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 27.—Baseball in Western Canada continues in a most unsettled condition. Already two league meetings have been held and as yet nothing definite has been accomplished. At the first meeting, held at Moose Jaw, it was recommended that the Western Canada circuit be split into two sections, the winners of each division to play off for the championship of the fall, but judging from developments chances of this plan being adopted are remote. At the second meeting held here in Calgary plans were discussed for a four-team Alberta League, composed of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, which four cities, by the way, comprised our first professional league in 1907. Such a league was looked upon with favor until the salary limit came under discussion, and then all hopes were blasted. Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, the smaller cities, held out for a \$1,300 a month limit, while both Calgary and Edmonton remained sold for the old \$1,000 limit. While no doubt a salary limit of \$1,500 is a trifle high for the smaller cities, Calgary and Edmonton having under contract men whose work demands a salary in accordance with an \$1,800 basis, could hardly concede the demand of the smaller cities without the releasing of these high-priced players.

Next games, an offer from the city of Saskatoon, with a population of about 1,500 people, to raise \$5,000 for the support of a team if given a franchise in the league. The Saskatoon people quite readily agreed to an \$1,800 limit, but even then Lethbridge remained firm, and refused to tie up in a league with such a limit.

Since then Lethbridge has joined hands with Medicine Hat, Cranbrook and Taber and formed a little Southern Alberta League, but as to whether or not such a league will go through cannot be said.

Now a new development comes in the form of a four-team league, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and a fourth team to be put in as a road team, its "home" games to be played in several of the smaller northern cities. The Saskatoon team will be managed by Chesty Cox, while Johnny Reid, it is rumored, will furnish the necessary "push" to finance the road club.

While base ball seems a dead issue in the big city of Winnipeg right now, since the franchise is in the hands of the league, the chances are that they are ready to concede a great deal in order to get into the good graces of the league and regain their lost franchise. At the present time they are indebted to the league for a certain amount of money, and President Savage of Calgary insists that before they can do business at the old stand they must pay into the "coffers" of the Western Canada League the sum of \$750. But with Moose Jaw and Regina both counted out of the running for the coming year the chances of Winnipeg and the western cities being the same league are almost out of the question.

Sholess Joe carried keen hopes of spoiling the Georgian last season. As it was, he set a new record by hitting over 400 his first full season out. Cobb was forced to bat thirty points above his best previous year to nose out the "tall and rangy" Cleveland, and he will be forced to travel quite a few to nose him out this summer, as Jackson is bent upon reaching the top of the fustling corps.

Jackson is one of the queerest and quaintest institutions of a queer and quaint colony. Unable to read or write, the slashing right fielder is at the same moment one of the quickest thinkers in the game.

He has a clear, clean eye and a brain that never lags at any part of the scramble.

For a good part of his first year up, Jackson had the bunch well stilled as to his scholastic inability.

As one example, when he received a letter from home he would drop around to some pal's room and apparently begin reading. "Now and then he would break into a laugh, finally passing the epistle along to his friend. "Read this out," he would say, "if you want to hear some good stuff." Whereupon Jackson got the news from home.

Entering the hotel dining room, Jackson was always sure to plant himself near certain members of his team. Once more he was apparently reading his head off as he scanned the menu. But his order was never ready until the others had completed theirs. Then Jackson was ready with his, remembering by what he wanted from the list given in by his mates.

When the order had to be given in writing, Jackson beat it to another food emporium, leaving the original hostelry flat on its back.

On the ball field, in other business relations and among his friends off the field, the Cleveland phenom looks to be as smart as the well-known steel trap. The queer feature is that a grown-up citizen should be as mentally alert and as keen-brained as Jackson is and yet should be unable to decipher his John Hancock upon copy paper or translate his own "cog" set up in 48-point Gothic.

When he first broke in the report travelled around that, while a great mechanical athlete, the Carolina mill-hand carried a marble dome of surpassing thickness. It wasn't long, however, before his rival teams found that the recruit was grasping all the intricacies of inside bric-a-brac with remarkable agility and was pulling a few upon his own hook that only a bossy bunch of gray matter could figure out.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Charles Clark, outfielder for the New Edinburghs, has gone to Saskatoon where he is getting a good figure to play against Post Arthur for the play-off between the champions of the two leagues.

Delhi Cafe, Yates St., now open.

NOT MUCH CHANCE OF A CUP SERIES

Coast Champions Go East After March 15 If There is Ice Then

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—"We will advise Trustee Foran that our season here closes on March 15 and that the winners will probably be ready to go east after that date to play for the Stanley cup. If there is no ice in the East then we will have to stay at home and defer our trip until next December, but if Mr. Foran advises us to come after March 15, we will play for the cup."

The above statement was made to the Times correspondent by Manager Frank Patrick, of the Vancouver hockey team, in response to a query whether the coast league winners would make the trip. If there is ice in the East after the season here closes the winners will make the trip, but in the event of there being no ice the trip will be abandoned. That is the situation in a nutshell. Just now there does not appear to be a possibility of the coast league season finishing before March 15 and even then the chances may be tied up for the title, so a cup series is not likely.

It is not improbable that an all-star eastern hockey septette will be seen on the coast at the close of the league season. Art Ross, of the Montreal Wanderers, and the premier point player of the winter game, has communicated a desire to the Vancouver manager to bring out a team to the coast for a series of matches and Frank Patrick is thinking the proposition over and is rather inclined to favor it.

EATON'S CHALLENGE FOR CUP ACCEPTED

Dates Will Be Awarded Them Next Week—Want "Dutchy" Richardson Re-instated

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The challenge of the Eaton Hockey Club, senior champions of the O. H. A., has been accepted by the Allan cup trustees and dates will be awarded them to play next week in Winnipeg.

Secretary Northey, of the cup trustees, wired yesterday "We have challenges in from the winners of the two Alberta leagues and they have been ordered to play off, the winners going to Winnipeg to play the defenders (the Winnipeg Victorias), which would make it possible for them to play in Winnipeg the latter part of this week and should think the O. H. A. champions could play the early part of the week following, their challenge being next in order."

The Eaton hockey team is arranging to leave for Winnipeg and the Allan cup Wednesday night. They are also bringing every effort to bear to have the athletic union reinstated Dutchy Richardson, who has been kept out of O. L. A. lacrosse. He will be played if he is let back.

REFEREE FOOLS FANS.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Ten fast rounds were boxed here last night by Tommy Gavignon, of Cleveland, and Knock-out Brennan, of Buffalo. Gavignon was given the decision, though shouts of "Draw" resounded through the house.

ALL-STAR TEAM PICKED FROM COLLEGE STUDENTS

Since the recent controversy over the championship honors against any club relative value of the sand lot baseball player versus the one who is brought into through a university training, and if even a team of the Athletic's industrious Eastern statisticians hasten through in large numbers, could hold figures which will throw some light onto own against the combination pre-figures, and has found that a team of college stars could be mustered here is the way the collegians would which would make a strong bid for stock up:

Name.	University.	Position.	Club.	Games.	A.B.	Pct.	Fieldg.	Pct.
Mathewson	Bucknell	pitcher	Giants	45	112	.196	.986	
Bender	Carleton	pitcher	Athletics	32	79	.165	1,000	
White	Georgetown	pitcher	White Sox	39	78	.256	.919	
Combs	Coby	pitcher	Athletics	52	141	.319	.913	
Reulbach	Notre Dame	pitcher	Cubs	33	67	.090	.943	
Plank	Gettysburg	pitcher	Athletics	40	94	.191	.975	
Collins	Vermont	pitcher	Red Sox	31	60	.150	.917	
Krause	St. Mary's	pitcher	Athletics	28	69	.254	.947	
Meyers	Dartmouth	catcher	Giants	128	391	.332	.979	
Carrigan	Holy Cross	catcher	Red Sox	72	232	.289	.960	
Chance	Univ. Washington	1st b. (mgr.)	Cubs	29	88	.289	.960	
Chase	Santa Clara	1st b.	Yankees	133	527	.315	.974	
Stahl	Illinois	1st b.	Red Sox (1910 record)	144	521	.271	.985	
E. Collins	Columbia	2nd b.	Athletics	132	493	.365	.966	
Barry	Holy Cross	shorter	Athletics	127	442	.265	.943	
Lord	Bates	2nd b.	White Sox	141	561	.321	.941	
Bescher	Notre Dame	left field	Reds	153	599	.275	.954	
Miller	McGill	centre field	Boston Nat. League	146	677	.333	.961	
Daniels	Notre Dame	right field	Yankees	131	462	.286	.941	
Cree	Penn. State	outfield	Yankees	137	520	.348	.964	
Birmingham	Cornell	outfield	Naps	125	447	.304	.973	
Grant	Harvard	utility	Reds	133	485	.223	.963	
Devlin	Georgetown	utility	Giants	95	268	.273	.944	
Shean	Fordham	utility	Cubs	43	145	.493	.947	

TWILIGHT LEAGUE SADLY DISRUPTED

Don't Know Whether to Have One, Two or Three Circuits or None

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 27.—Baseball in Western Canada continues in a most unsettled condition. Already two league meetings have been held and as yet nothing definite has been accomplished. At the first meeting, held at Moose Jaw, it was recommended that the Western Canada circuit be split into two sections, the winners of each division to play off for the championship of the fall, but judging from developments chances of this plan being adopted are remote. At the second meeting held here in Calgary plans were discussed for a four-team Alberta League, composed of Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmonton, which four cities, by the way, comprised our first professional league in 1907. Such a league was looked upon with favor until the salary limit came under discussion, and then all hopes were blasted. Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, the smaller cities, held out for a \$1,300 a month limit, while both Calgary and Edmonton remained sold for the old \$1,000 limit. While no doubt a salary limit of \$1,500 is a trifle high for the smaller cities, Calgary and Edmonton having under contract men whose work demands a salary in accordance with an \$1,800 basis, could hardly concede the demand of the smaller cities without the releasing of these high-priced players.

Next games, an offer from the city of Saskatoon, with a population of about 1,500 people, to raise \$5,000 for the support of a team if given a franchise in the league. The Saskatoon people quite readily agreed to an \$1,800 limit, but even then Lethbridge remained firm, and refused to tie up in a league with such a limit.

Since then Lethbridge has joined hands with Medicine Hat, Cranbrook and Taber and formed a little Southern Alberta League, but as to whether or not such a league will go through cannot be said.

Now a new development comes in the form of a four-team league, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon and a fourth team to be put in as a road team, its "home" games to be played in several of the smaller northern cities. The Saskatoon team will be managed by Chesty Cox, while Johnny Reid, it is rumored, will furnish the necessary "push" to finance the road club.

While base ball seems a dead issue in the big city of Winnipeg right now, since the franchise is in the hands of the league, the chances are that they are ready to concede a great deal in order to get into the good graces of the league and regain their lost franchise. At the present time they are indebted to the league for a certain amount of money, and President Savage of Calgary insists that before they can do business at the old stand they must pay into the "coffers" of the Western Canada League the sum of \$750. But with Moose Jaw and Regina both counted out of the running for the coming year the chances of Winnipeg and the western cities being the same league are almost out of the question.

THE CITY WILL HAVE NO SENIOR LEAGUE

Victoria Lacrosse Association Plans Better Arrangements This Summer

It is almost certain that there will be no senior city lacrosse league this summer. There will be a team representative of Victoria and an intermediate league. Naturally material for the "rep" team will be recruited from the intermediate if necessary but the members of the Victoria team will not play in the city league.

This, it is thought, would be better than having both senior and intermediate leagues and picking the "rep" team from the former as was done last season. The twelve to play in the B. C. League could be kept together more and would become better acquainted with each other's play, which is a matter of the utmost necessity and also better compensation in the city league would be provided. Of course the city league players may call themselves seniors but they will be of about the same grade as last year's intermediates.

Plans for this arrangement are only tentative as yet, but a definite decision as to how things will be run will be arrived at the annual meeting to be held shortly. All members of the executive of the Victoria Lacrosse Association are requested to attend a meeting above Appleby's poolroom, when arrangements will be made for the holding of the annual meeting and an opening ball.

FORMAL PENNANT RAISING

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 27.—The dates for the raising of the flag, emblematic of the World's and American League championships of 1911 have been selected by Manager Mack. On Tuesday, May 7, the American League Championship hunting will be raised to the flag pole. The Cleveland team, headed by Manager Harry Davis, will assist in this function. On Wednesday, July 3, the pennant, which declares officially that the Athletics are the Champions of the entire universe, will be "torn to the breezes, and the Boston Red Sox were chosen to take part in this ceremony.

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VANCOUVER KENNEL CLUB JOINS A.K.C.

Will Discontinue Connection With Canadian Club for 1912—One Day Show

At the annual meeting of the Vancouver-Kennel Club it was unanimously decided to discontinue connection with the Canadian Kennel Club, and to become affiliated for the year 1912 with the American Kennel Club. F. W. Welsh, who moved the resolution, said that he thought it would be distinctly in the interests of the club to make the change. No dogs had been exhibited at Vancouver from points east of Mission for years, and at the same time Americans, who bred dogs to sell, found it was of little advantage to exhibit in Vancouver. Affiliation with the A. K. C. would mean that there would be large exhibits from Seattle, Portland and other Pacific coast cities. C. F. Jackson, in seconding the motion, heartily concurred with the remarks of Mr. Welsh. It was pointed out that it was not a case where any national sentiment should be entertained. The interests of Vancouver, as far as dog breeding went, were more nearly connected with those of the American coast cities than with those of eastern Canada.

There was discussion as to whether one day or several days should be devoted to a kennel show this year. It was the prevailing opinion that one busy day would be the better alternative, and it was finally decided to hold a one-day show on May 24 at the Exhibition Association building.

ILLITERATE BUT BRAINY.

Joe Jackson Out to Beat Ty Cobb in Batting This Season.

One of the big features of the American League campaign for 1912 will be the warlike conflict between Joe Jackson and Ty Cobb.

Sholess Joe carried keen hopes of spoiling the Georgian last season. As it was, he set a new record by hitting over 400 his first full season out. Cobb was forced to bat thirty points above his best previous year to nose out the "tall and rangy" Cleveland, and he will be forced to travel quite a few to nose him out this summer, as Jackson is bent upon reaching the top of the fustling corps.

Jackson is one of the queerest and quaintest institutions of a queer and quaint colony. Unable to read or write, the slashing right fielder is at the same moment one of the quickest thinkers in the game.

He has a clear, clean eye and a brain that never lags at any part of the scramble.

For a good part of his first year up, Jackson had the bunch well stilled as to his scholastic inability.

As one example, when he received a letter from home he would drop around to some pal's room and apparently begin reading. "Now and then he would break into a laugh, finally passing the epistle along to his friend. "Read this out," he would say, "if you want to hear some good stuff." Whereupon Jackson got the news from home.

Entering the hotel dining room, Jackson was always sure to plant himself near certain members of his team. Once more he was apparently reading his head off as he scanned the menu. But his order was never ready until the others had completed theirs. Then Jackson was ready with his, remembering by what he wanted from the list given in by his mates.

When the order had to be given in writing, Jackson beat it to another food emporium, leaving the original hostelry flat on its back.

On the ball field, in other business relations and among his friends off the field, the Cleveland phenom looks to be as smart as the well-known steel trap. The queer feature is that a grown-up citizen should be as mentally alert and as keen-brained as Jackson is and yet should be unable to decipher his John Hancock upon copy paper or translate his own "cog" set up in 48-point Gothic.

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IF VICTORIA MEETS DEFEAT, GOOD NIGHT

Miracle Only Could Get Locals Paterson Cup If They Lose This Evening

To-night's is the most critical game the Victoria hockey team has entered this season and, in consequence, the fan can count on a choice session of excitement if the Terminals are in good form, which there is no reason to doubt they are, considering that they have had a week's rest.

If the Capitals lose to-night nothing but a miracle can secure them the honor of being first. Bokers of the Paterson trophy. They would have to win every one of their remaining four games and the two Mainland teams break even against each other, and then the locals would only scrape home by the skin of their teeth.

Mr. Fan can take it therefore as the "cross my heart to die" truth that the locals will work to-night as they never worked before this season. Every ounce of strength that they possess will come into play, and if the Terminals win they will be going home.

Circumstances with Frank Patrick's septette aren't quite so serious, but still they can't afford to drop the game, and considering both sides of the argument the least that can be said is that whichever team wins it will know it has been in a game of hockey.

Jimmy Gardner and Harry Hyland will likely handle the game. This is how the teams will line up: Vancouver. Position. Victoria. Parr. Goal. Lindsay F. Patrick. Point. L. Patrick Griffiths. Cover Point. Small Lalonde. Rover. Dunderdale Nichols. Centre. Smith Phillips. Right Wing. Paulin Harris. Left Wing. Rowe

BENCH SHOW MAY SET RECORD

For Number of Entries and Prizes It Bids Fair to Beat Any Other Held on Coast.

From the present outlook it would appear certain that the Victoria Kennel Club's annual bench show, to be held March 13, 14 and 15, will surpass, for number and class of entries and length of prize list, anything of the kind ever held here, and not only that but it bids fair to set a "high-water" mark for canine competitions all along the coast. Well over one hundred prizes have already been offered, of which almost 100 are cups, and the energetic committee in charge of arrangements hasn't finished the good work by a long way yet.

ALLAN CUP GAMES.

First Game Between Winnipeg Vic. and Eaton Team on Tuesday Next.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—The Allan Cup games will probably be played here next Tuesday and Wednesday between the Winnipeg Victorias and the Eaton team from Toronto. Gordon Budge, who is acting for the trustees, received a wire this morning asking for dates, and he replied that the Victorias were prepared to meet the challengers in the first game on Tuesday. The second game will be on Thursday.

JUMPS FOR GOOD FIGURE.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Charles Clark, outfielder for the New Edinburghs, has gone to Saskatoon where he is getting a good figure to play against Post Arthur for the play-off between the champions of the two leagues.

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SPORT NOTES

In view of the action of the Dominion Lacrosse Union in agreeing to meet the British Columbia Lacrosse Association halfway in following out the idea of a national commission it is reported that President Con Jones, of the Vancouver club, looks for peace instead of the war that was threatened by Manager Bob Fleming, of the Toronto Club. The Big Four magnates have consented to send a delegate to Winnipeg on March 4 to confer with Harry Cowan, of Vancouver, with regard to the formation of a national commission.

The schedule of the National Hockey Association terminates next Saturday night and each team in the league has only two games carded to play. The Ottawa cup-holders look like the best bet despite the fact that Quebec is leading the way at present.

Jack Leon, aspirant for "white hope" honors, says he will insist upon a match with Jack Johnson after he has finished off Soldier Eider, whom he is slated to fight in the near future.

Eddie Graney, the San Francisco fight promoter, has wired an offer of a \$5,000 purse to Abe Attell and John Kilbane for a twenty-round fight at Frisco March 22. This puts the next move-up to Kilbane, as Attell already has expressed his desire for a return match.

Rather than play ball in a minor league or at least the Southern League, Kid Eberfeld, so it is stated by an intimate friend, will retire from active baseball and will in the future serve as a scout for an American League club, the identity of which could not be learned. Eberfeld refused to discuss the matter, but said that he had informed the Chattanooga Club which purchased him from Washington that he would not play there.

Manager Wolverton of the New York Americans says he has the best lot of outfielders in the league to pick from taking them all together, in Cree, Daniels, Wolter, possibly Hartzell, Osborne, Kauff and Zinn.

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"THE BOHEMIAN GIRL"
AT VICTORIA THEATRE

All Right From Spectacular Standpoint but Musically Disappointing

The Aborn Opera Company were fortunate in having a well-filled house last evening for their production of "The Bohemian Girl," and in a number of respects quite justified the interest which the public were prepared to take in the production. From a spectacular point of view no doubt the company has produced something which outvalues the older productions, but realistic gypsies and jugglers do not add to the musical value of an opera, neither do acrobats—no matter how clever—compensate for badly sung airs. The company would have made a greater success with "The Bohemian Girl" had they more carefully selected their musical material and either ignored the other elements or given them more secondary consideration. The music should be the principal element in opera of this class; in this production it has been more or less incidental to the spectacular elements of the story.

Taken on the whole, the men's voices surpassed the women's, and in Harry Luckstone the company have an artist who can both act and sing, and who moves about the stage with a dignity suited to his part as Count Arnheim, father of the kidnapped Arline. His singing of the delightful melody, "The Heart Bowed Down," was given most artistically and without any of those peculiarities of pronunciation which characterized so many of the other singers during the evening. Miss Blanche Morrison, as Arline, possesses a good voice, which she did not know how to use, the effect of her attack being utterly destructive of the sentiment of the words. Her movements were too quick and sprightly, and lacked the grace which belongs to the part. Another really good voice was that of George Shields, who took the part of "Devilshot," chief of the gypsies, but his enunciation was so indistinct that it counteracted the merits of the voice. The part of Theodorus was given with a fairly good voice, badly used, however, and the acting was inartistic. Of the other leading characters, the part of Florin, taken by Augustus "Augustus," was quite well done in places, but the work was not marked enough, and the singing was poor; the Queen of the Gypsies possessed a pleasant contralto voice which was hopelessly marred by indistinct enunciation and several painful peculiarities of production.

The choruses were slightly in advance of the individual voices, and in the "Silence! Silence! The Lady Moon" there were evidences of careful training. The incidental and spectacular features of the opera were, as already remarked, so far in advance of the musical qualities that the latter were almost submerged.

Scientifically the management have accomplished wonders, and one quite forgot the limitations of the stage of the Victoria theatre in the glimpses of the Austrian mountains, the peeps of distant glades through the trees, and the quaint scene in the public square in Presburg. Altogether, the performance was disappointing, as those who go to hear music cannot be satisfied with a display of a multitude of other things.

CLEVELAND SPEECH
ROOSEVELT'S PLATFORM

Former President Awaits Effects of Announcement Before Starting Campaign

Boston, Feb. 26.—"We're in the fight, that's all," said Theodore Roosevelt yesterday. It was his only comment on his statement issued on Sunday that he would accept the presidential nomination if offered to him. With Mr. Roosevelt squarely on record, the executive work of getting together a Roosevelt organization was begun here to-day.

Telegrams from many parts of the country and visitors urged Mr. Roosevelt to roll up his sleeves and throw himself into the fray, but he let it be known that he intends to do little, preferring to await indications of the effect of his announcement. He said that his visitors to-day were former Roosevelt organizers in Massachusetts, but that he would take no part in it.

While he will keep in touch with the political situation in all parts of the country, Mr. Roosevelt expressed the determination to identify himself with no Roosevelt organization. Requests for speeches have been received from several states, but Mr. Roosevelt said he had not made up his mind what to do. He said, however, that whether he would embark on a speaking campaign or not he would reiterate time after time his belief in the political principles which he set forth in his speech at Columbus, Ohio. It is on this platform that the Roosevelt campaign is to be fought.

Taft to Speak on March 3

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Mr. Roosevelt's announced willingness to accept the Republican nomination for president did not affect, visibly, affairs at the White House yesterday. President Taft will have no direct answer to the announcement prior to the Ohio speeches, according to statements from official sources.

There was no material increase in congressional callers yesterday, but Vice-President Sherman and Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, hurried to the president's office. Secretary of War Stimson also was a caller.

Asked as to what attitude he would take, Mr. Stimson said he would make his position clear in his speech in Chicago. The speech is to be made before the Chicago Taft Club. It has been looked forward to as one of a series that cabinet officers are to make in support of President Taft, and it was the general impression here that Mr. Stimson will adhere to his original purpose.

On March 3 President Taft is expected to make the first speech in reply to doctrines enunciated by Col. Roosevelt at Columbus.

RUNS INTO TRAIN.
Los Angeles Man Commits Suicide and Kills Wife at Same Time.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.—H. S. Dudley and his wife, Clara Dudley, were instantly killed when the motorcycle on which they were riding tandem struck a Pacific electric car. Dudley struck the first car of the train with his head and his wife was hurled over him into the side of the car. They leave four small children.

Friends of the Dudleys declare that Dudley was despondent over domestic troubles.

Ten days ago Dudley attempted to commit suicide by taking chloroform. After he had recovered from the effects of the dose Dudley visited a former employer and expressed regret at his failure to die.

"Next time I'll take her with me," he is reported to have said.

Witnesses of the tragedy assert that Dudley must have seen the approaching train, but instead of slowing up, he sent the machine into the car at forty miles an hour, bowing his head as he dove into the car. The Dudleys came here from Syracuse, N. Y., three years ago and had separated several times. Their three youngest children are in the orphanage.

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CHILD AVERTS PANIC.

New York, Feb. 27.—Stories of how a little girl nine years old, allayed a panic among more than 100 women during a hurricane were told by passengers on the steamer Oceana in port from Bermuda. The entire trip of the steamer was a rough one, but a week ago Sunday she ran into a hurricane and the vessel was tossed about by the terrific waves.

Women were tossed about the saloon and some of them became hysterical. Finally several started for the deck in a panic and as they were near the companionway, Elizabeth Buckley, nine years old, cried: "Don't go on deck. You'll fall overboard. Stay here. What are you afraid of anyway?"

The women paused at the sound of the child's voice, recovered their senses, and returned to the saloon.

TRESPASSERS KILLED.

Chehalls, Wash., Feb. 27.—John Erickson, who lost a leg while jumping from a train near here Tuesday, has been removed to the hospital at Montezuma. This accident impresses the fact that within the past seven days on this division of the Northern Pacific there have been seven deaths by trains running over people. In all but one of the accidents the victims were trespassers.

PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 27.—Prayers for rain were read in Roman Catholic churches of the Northern California diocese on Sunday. The season, in all parts of the state, has been the driest in ten years. It was reported from the United States weather bureau here that there were no indications of rain and that every sign points to continued droughts throughout the season.

DRINKS POISON.

Kansas City, Feb. 27.—Before the applause died away after Winnifred Green had sung her song "The Skeleton Rag," at a theatre here, the girl swallowed carbolic acid in her dressing room. She was found dying a few minutes later. She was the wife of Bert Payne, a member of the same company. Her home was near Minneapolis.

SUSPECTED ROBBERS TAKEN.

Woman's Picture Hat Leads to Arrest of Three Alleged Highwaymen.

New York, Feb. 27.—Three men were arrested yesterday and accused of the \$25,000 bank messenger robbery of February 15. They might not have been traced by the police if Annie Hull, known as "Suede Annie," had not gone forth recently flaunting a new much-plumed picture hat. From the moment the woman blossomed out in her new headgear she was watched. Her nodding ostrich feathers became the mark of a scrubwoman who had a cheap room in the 256 West Twenty-fourth street house. Made vain by her new finery Annie boasted it was the gift of an adoring sweetheart, Eddie Kinsman, sometimes known as Eddie Collins. She told the scrubwoman also of her other friends who had huge rolls of money. These friends, under arrest for the Trinity Place assault and robbery, confronted Annie in police headquarters yesterday and proclaimed her a "squealer." The woman seemed grief-stricken and begged for forgiveness.

Police traps set in this and other cities may be sprung to-day. Three men, whom the police insist took part in the robbery, were yesterday. Police Inspector Hughes to-day announced a fourth arrest, but declined to give the name of the man and said he would not be arraigned to-day. The men arrested are Edward E. Kinsman, alias Eddie Collins, of Boston; Jesse Alberuzzo, a truckman; and Gene Montani, chauffeur of the robbed taxiab. Detectives to-day found some of the loot in Kinsman's home.

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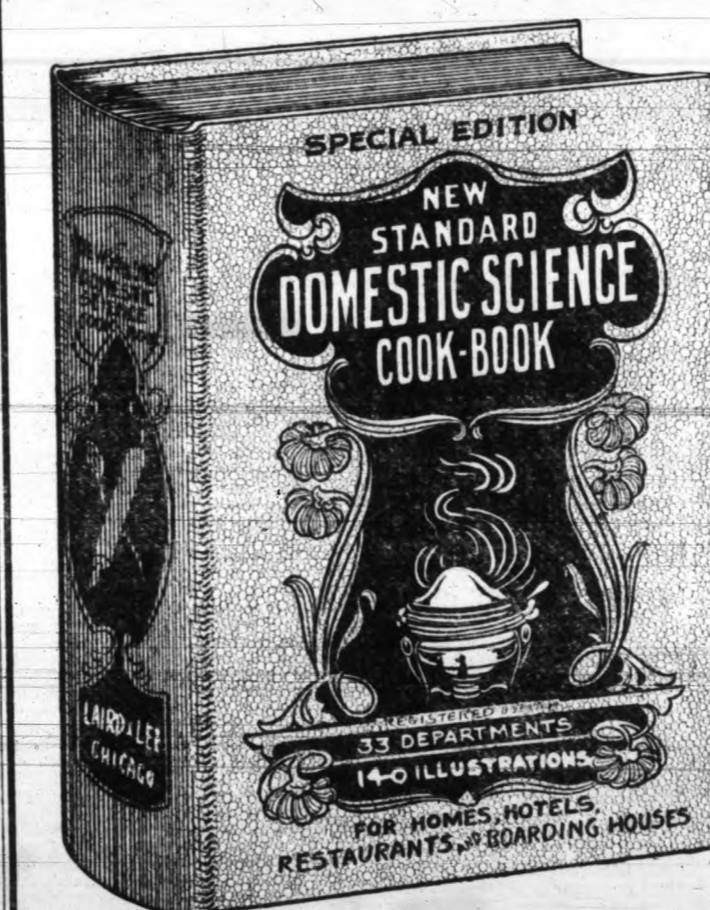
Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—George Stephen, general freight agent of the Canadian Northern railway, announces that J. M. MacRae has been appointed district freight agent at Saskatoon. Mr. MacRae will succeed C. R. Hill, who has resigned to go into private business. He leaves for Saskatoon March 1 to assume his duties.

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Lloyds Reports That 33 Ships Were Lost Last Year—England Loses Twenty

"On this day the ship went down and all hands were lost but me." This is from William Clark Russell, the famous writer of sea stories. As an example of the perfect narrative style it is probably unequalled. But Lloyds' official record, with its simple announcement that during last year thirty-three ships were perished as missing, runs it close. The romantic suggestion of that bald statement is almost infinite. What desolation at home and suffering at sea must be behind it one prefers not to dwell upon. We can dream instead of possible joyful returns to loved ones who had given up forever their lost voyagers. Or we can make pictures in our minds of lonely halts tossing on the Sargasso Sea, or we can imagine the vanished ships driving through the "foam of perilous seas" and landing at last by the beaches of the fortunate isles.

Certainly the missing ships must all arrive somewhere. The ancient world, with its definite edges, over which a ship sailing too far dropped off the earth altogether, has passed away, and we know that this round world must still contain all the lost ships. In this fact lies the romance and the fascination of the problem. How much poorer the world would be without its Spanish galleons and its sunken treasure ships—not because of the treasure, but because of the divers, and the secret chambers drawn in blood, and the little public houses with red blinds, where the mysterious salt schemes darkly! It is to be hoped that the world will never give up its search for the unknown port of the lost ships.

Port of Lost Ships.

Last year added greatly to the tonnage using that port. It is six years since so many vessels vanished into the unknown—within a twelvemonth. Strangely enough, the number that steamed there and the number that went under sail were precisely equal. There were sixteen of each and also one petrol motor schooner—surely a strange companion for the Flying Dutchman to find on her beam! Mostly they were small vessels that disappeared—coasting schooners, little trawlers and fishing smacks.

The largest of the deep sea ships on the list of the missing was the steamer *Cayo Largo* of 2,225 tons. She set out during April with a load of coal from Swansea to Tampa, and was not sighted again, though two of her boats were found in a situation which suggested that she had foundered a short time after her departure. The smallest ship that went down was the tug *Beaver*, which vanished between the Clyde and Lisbon. With a gross tonnage of 49, she managed somehow to have a net tonnage of precisely nothing.

The *Ketch Alina*, built in 1865, was the oldest sailing vessel that appeared and the oldest steamer was the *Clap. Sparke*, launched in 1882, which disappeared in April during a voyage from Swansea to Palermo.

Twenty of the thirty-three ships lost were British—a monumental testimony to our preponderance on the seas of the world. Germany, France, Russia, Belgium and Denmark had each one sailing ship. Norway had four, Greece two and Brazil two.

Director's Lonely Voyage.

The ways in which ships vanish are many. Sailing ships will sink when they are in an almost complete calm; they have watched a vessel a few miles away, and then, without warning, have suddenly missed it. Foundering undoubtedly accounts for a large proportion of missing ships, burning at sea for others. Some of the vessels posted at Lloyds may now be drifting on the long and lonely voyage of the derelict, and we have all heard strange stories of mutinies, seizures of vessels at sea by some of those on board, and a subsequent career under another name in illicit pursuits. But since every ship has to come to port some time, and must then show papers of some sort, the opportunities the world offers for such adventures nowadays are sadly curtailed. Then there is the much-beloved theory of ships getting tangled in the weeds of the Sargasso Sea and there sailing forever round and

round. The expedition of the *Michael Sars*, in 1910, directed by Sir John Murray and the Norwegian government, with the special object of examining this strange tract, of the ocean, has sent that story the way of so many other romances. We must look elsewhere for the unknown port.

COAST SERVICE HEAD IS HOMEWARD BOUND

Capt. Troup Returning From Holiday in Southern Climes—New Schedule for Joan

Within a few days Capt. J. W. Troup, manager of the B. C. Coast Service, will return to Victoria, after being absent for over a month enjoying a holiday in California. The popular head of the big shipping concern is on his first holiday for some time, and his respite in the water climes will equip him in order to withstand the strain of business during the coming spring and summer. Under Capt. Troup's control is a large fleet of steamers, and the task of looking after them is by no means a small one.

Upon receiving definite word from Ottawa that the mail contract for the Gulf Islands has been awarded to the C. P. R., the officials of the B. C. Coast service are now preparing a new schedule for the steamer *Joan*, Capt. Gilchrist. The vessel will run from here to Sidney, Nanaimo and Vancouver, calling at all the islands en route. The mail contract was formerly held by A. A. Sears, and an order in council authorizing the transfer to the C. P. R. has just been put through at Ottawa.

A telegram was received here this morning stating that the steamer *Princess Ena*, Capt. Douglas Robertson, left Vancouver this morning for northern British Columbia and Alaska ports. She is fitted almost to her capacity with general merchandise, and is to take on some coal at Union Bay.

To-morrow night the *Boscowitz* steamer *Venture*, Capt. Parks, will sail from here for Bella Coola and way ports, carrying a large number of passengers and considerable freight. She is now at the B. C. Marine railway yards at Esquimalt, having her oil-burners adjusted. The *Venture* hereafter will use oil as fuel instead of coal.

WIRELESS REPORTS

Feb. 27, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Cloudy, wind N. W., 20-25; 31, sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear, calm, 30-25, 32, sea smooth.

Tatoosh—Part cloudy, wind N. E., 10-15; 20-25, 29, sea moderate.

Esquimalt—Cloudy, wind north, light; 30-25, 30, sea smooth. Spoke Teen, leaving field at 4:25 a. m., south-bound.

Ketevan—Clear, calm, 29-32, 32, sea smooth.

Triassic—Gloomy, wind N. W., 10 miles, 29-32, 32, dense seaward, sea moderate.

Princess Rupert—Clear, calm, 30-32, 20, sea smooth. Spoke Princess May, at 8 p. m., due Ketchikan at 7:30 a. m. Noon.

Point Grey—Clear, calm; 30-25; 45, sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; wind N. W., 30-25; 45; sea smooth.

Tatoosh—Clear; wind N. E., 15 miles; 30-30; 44; sea moderate.

Fachena—Clear; calm; 30-35; 49; sea smooth.

Ketevan—Clear; wind S. E., light; 29-38; 44; sea smooth.

Triassic—Overcast, wind N. W., 10 miles; 29-30; 34; sea smooth.

Esquimalt—Cloudy; wind north, strong; 30-35; 38; sea smooth.

Princess Rupert—Clear; calm; 30-38; 48; sea smooth. In, steamer *Hamburg* at 9:15 a. m.; *Chelohin*, at 11:30 a. m.

Dead Tree Point—Clear; wind N. W.; sea smooth.

The new revenue cutter *Unalga*, now nearing completion at Newport News, Va., will sail from the Atlantic coast on July 1 by way of the Buz canal for Juneau, Alaska, which will be her station. It will take the *Unalga* three months to make the 18,000-mile voyage.



EXPECT ENORMOUS TRAVEL THIS YEAR

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES PREPARE FOR BIG RUSH

Northern Travel Will Be Best in History of Province—Steamers Overhauling

Predictions are made by steamship men that the coming spring and summer will witness the greatest rush of tourists, business men, speculators and tradesmen to northern British Columbia ports, as well as to Alaskan towns, that has ever taken place on this coast. Officials of the various companies looked upon 1911 as the banner year but they expect to reap better harvest this year than ever before. Several new steamers will make their appearance in the coastwise trade in order to meet the demand and all the vessels, which operated in the trade last year, are being overhauled and placed in the finest shape to bid for the business.

Last season on every northbound trip the steamers had all their passenger accommodation sold out and it was wished to go north to make reservations a week ahead. Although several new steamers with the most modern accommodation will make their first appearance in the coasting trade travel will be equally as congested as it was last year. The new *Union* and *Chelohin*, which arrived in December from Belfast, is now on her maiden trip to northern British Columbia ports. The *Princess Sophia*, now en route from the Clyde to this port to enter the service of the C. P. R., will commence to operate some time in April. On the arrival of the *Princess Patricia*, which is to run between Vancouver and Nanaimo, the C. P. R. will have a spare vessel and no doubt she will be placed in the northern trade.

Efficient Fleet.

The C. P. R., G. T. P., Union Steamship Company, Northern Steamship Company, Boscowitz Steamship Company and all the smaller steamship concerns are now overhauling their ships one by one and it can be candidly said that the fleet which operates from Victoria and Vancouver will be among the finest in point of efficiency that has ever gone north. Many of the vessels will be oil-burners, among those having been converted during the winter are the *Princess George*, *Princess Rupert* and several other steamers are to have this more modern method of steam generating.

It is not expected that any additional vessels will be placed in the Alaskan trade. The *Princess May* and *Princess Royal*, which maintained a five days' service to Skagway last year, will operate in the trade again this summer. The C. P. R. expects a great increase in the Alaskan business as each year the grandeur of a trip to the northern territory of the United States is being advertised on a larger scale and many of the rich people in the east come to the scenery of the Pacific coast.

Americans Are Busy.

The American companies, which will operate steamers to Alaskan ports via Victoria, are also overhauling and repairing their vessels. The Admiral Sampson after extensive alterations leaves on her first Alaskan trip March 5. All of her staterooms have been rebuilt and her first class saloon enlarged. New modulations, new dining saloon, new quarters for the officers and many other changes have been made, and as far as the interior is concerned she will be a new vessel. Even the two decks of her holds have been made over, while the main to the after bridge, which is being converted from second-class into first class cabins. With the work finished the steamer will have accommodations for 182 cabin passengers and about 200 steerage passengers.

Not only is attention being paid to the northern routes but also to the steamers in the other services from this port. The vessels on the triangular run, the Vancouver route, Comox and Nanaimo service and the various other runs are being withdrawn and undergoing the opportunity permits and undergoing their overhauls. The C. P. R. anticipates a great amount of business over the triangular route this year and will have its palatial steamers ready to handle the business in a splendid manner.

NAVY TO ASSIST SERVICE.

Pacific U. S. Naval Fleet Will Patrol From Frisco to Dixon's Entrance.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The navy for the first time will assist the revenue cutter service this year in patrolling Pacific waters to prevent pelagic sealing. This was made necessary by the treaty signed by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and Japan.

The Pacific naval fleet will patrol from San Francisco to the Dixon entrance, while the revenue cutters will be assigned to the Behring sea. The duty of the naval vessels will be largely confined to protecting the seals on their journey from the south to Alaska early in the spring and their return to southern waters late in the fall.

HUGE CARGO FOR HER FIRST OUTWARD TRIP

Sanuki Maru Leaves for Yokohama—Crown of Arragon Next Harrison Boat

About 6 o'clock this evening the steamship *Sanuki Maru*, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, will start on her first outward voyage from Puget Sound. For nearly two weeks she has been at Tacoma and Seattle and her capacious holds have been jammed full of cargo. Included in the freight list is several thousand tons of flour, which is consigned to Shanghai and other Chinese ports, together with large shipments of cotton and machinery, consisting of electrical devices, phonographs, sewing machines and farming implements.

The *Sanuki* is taking a full list of passengers across the Pacific to the Orient. Her saloon accommodation has all been booked and the steamer is well filled with Orientals. The *Sanuki* is going through to Hongkong and will call at Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai and Hongkong.

Word was received here this morning stating that the *Awa Maru*, of the same line, which will arrive in port from the Far East on Thursday morning, has 937 tons of cargo for this port. This is one of the largest consignments of freight which has been brought to Victoria from the Orient for some time. Considerable of it is for Vancouver and overland points and will be shipped by one of the C. P. R. steamers to the Terminal City.

As passengers the *Awa* has for Victoria three cabin and 22 steerage. There are also a large crowd of travellers for Seattle, including many in the *Awa Maru*. It is expected that Miss Wellwood, who has been in China as a missionary for nearly five years and who saw active fighting while she was making her way out from the interior, is among those in the first cabin. She is related to R. G. Wellwood, of Quadra street.

It is announced that the steamship *Crown of Arragon* will be the next of the Harrison direct liners to arrive in port from the United Kingdom, instead of the *Commodore*. The *Crown* will be here the latter part of March and will be followed to this port by the new steamship *Crown of Toledo*. The *Araucan* is being delayed in arriving here owing to the fact that she put into Avonmouth for repairs.

SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN STEAMSHIPS.	
From the Orient.	
Lucerne	Feb. 29
Awa Maru	Feb. 28
Panama Maru	March 7
Empress of Japan	March 15
From Australia.	
Makura	March 5
From Liverpool.	
Keemun	March 15
From Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Feb. 28
From Antwerp.	
Commodore	March 1
For the Orient.	
Tacoma Maru	March 2
Empress of India	March 4
Awa Maru	March 12
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	March 15
For Liverpool.	
Protestant	March 20
For Australia.	
Makura	March 20
COASTWISE STEAMERS.	
From San Francisco.	
Unalga	Feb. 29
City of Puebla	March 1
From Northern B. C. Ports.	
Princess Beatrice	Feb. 28
Vadso	Feb. 28
Princess Rupert	March 3
Venture	March 6
From Skagway.	
Princess May	March 6
From San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Feb. 28
Unalga	Feb. 28
For Skagway.	
Princess May	March 8
For Northern B. C. Ports.	
Vadso	Feb. 29
Princess Beatrice	March 1
Princess Rupert	March 4
Venture	March 7
For the West Coast.	
Toes	March 1
For Nanaimo.	
Princess Mary	March 5
For East Coast.	
Queen City	March 5

MARINE NOTES

The steamer *Newington*, Captain Barker, of the marine and fisheries department, left port to-day to do some work in the Gulf.

The two whaling steamers *Germania* and *White* are now on the Victoria Machinery Depot undergoing their annual overhauling.

Advices from Honolulu report the arrival of the schooner *Proper* at that port after a passage of 32 days from Eureka with a cargo of lumber.

The schooner *S. T. Alexander* is reported arriving at Hilo February 19 with 662,912 feet of lumber from Eureka. This schooner made the passage in 32 days.

With her cargo of lumber the British steamer *Damara* left the Sound



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Honorable the Chief Justice has fixed Monday, the 4th day of March, 1912, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at Chambers in the Court House, Victoria, as the time and place for the appointment of an official liquidator of the above named Company.
Dated this 24th day of February, A. D. 1912.
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End of Our Great February Sale

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Thursday next will see the last of our greatest of all February Clearance Sales. While there is yet time, come and take advantage of the enormous bargains we are offering.

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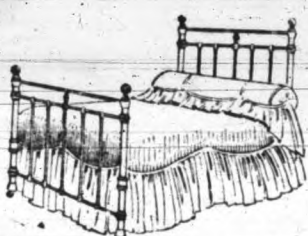
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COUCHES, upholstered in red and green tapestry. Regular value \$7.50. February sale price... **\$3.75**

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A Times representative conducting a lone reconnaissance on the causeway last night happened across the genial Speaker of the Legislature as that arbiter of debate was proceeding to the scene of his labors.

"Work nearly over, Mr. Speaker?" he inquired.

"Yes," replied Mr. Eberts. "We expect to finish to-morrow."

The Speaker did not have the jaded, harassed appearance, or the green melancholy usually worn by presiding dignitaries in legislatures. He did not have the weary demeanor which the lubrications over a French grammar have imposed upon Dr. Sproule at Ottawa, for instance. On the contrary, Mr. Eberts was as fresh as a schoolboy, and his voice was as buoyant and resonant as Signor Scott's. And all this despite the fact that the House over which he presided had recently passed \$17,000,000 in estimates in forty minutes. It had masticated and digested thirty bills in one day. In a comparatively few minutes it had disposed of enough railway legislation to occupy Ontario and Quebec for months. Over all this tremendous dynamic energy the Speaker presided. It was no infantile task by any means. The speed was so terrific, the activity was so intense that most of the time it was impossible to get a quorum and the poor little pages were kept running into the corridors to bring the overworked members back to their seats.

Take the budget speech for example. When Hon. Price Ellison made his annual deliverance all but a dozen or so of the members clapped their hands to their throbbing temples and murmuring "I can't stand the strain; the pace is killing," tottered from the room. Ladies in the gallery were on the verge of fainting and strong men wept as they beheld the remorseless speed with which the legislative juggernaut passed on over the struggling representatives of the people unable through sheer exhaustion to get out of the way.

And yet Speaker Eberts preserves his gentility and not one additional wrinkle

has intruded its demoralizing presence upon his countenance.

And what of the premier and his trusty axeman, the attorney-general. Ah, there is a pair to draw to! They stood the strain remarkable well. Not one McBride curl so far overlooked its dignity as to stand upon end and the attorney-general never for a moment forgot to look like Isabeau's portrait of Napoleon after Austerlitz. They and their coadjutors presented an object lesson to the people of equanimity and imperturbability under circumstances which, in other climes, might have proved very distressing to them. For instance, it is not every merchant who can cram through all his month's business in one Saturday afternoon and not be just a trifle disturbed. Very few have attained the measure of self-control which would enable them to pay all their annual accounts in one hour, without anything more than an en bloc examination, and then proceed to the golf links with an easy conscience and gentle digestion.

It was a great scene this last few days' scuffle. Nothing like it has ever been seen or heard of since representative institutions were born. The public accounts committee, the most important committee at Ottawa, Toronto and other capitals, the committee whose duty it is to investigate public accounts, call witnesses and throw the search-light upon all public transactions has been in sweet retirement all session. Mr. Brewster inquired solicitously after its welfare and urged that the corpse, if corpse it was, be galvanized. The premier twice promised to do so and it was not until yesterday, a few minutes before six o'clock, that the premier with greatunction moved the reference of public accounts to the committee.

When the premier moved this resolution the committee shuddered in its sleep. No wonder. To calmly hand over to the Public Accounts committee several years' accounts on the day before prorogation showed the premier's magnificent aplomb and unmitigated gall. It was like eating Dead Sea fruit.

And yet, after all it was a wonderful spectacle, this last few days in the House; the Budget Speech, Railway legislation, \$17,000,000 of estimates and a sack-full of important bills, passed by a legislature, almost lacking a quorum at times, and not one man stricken with heart failure. And Le Petit Caporal, the premier's Man of Destiny, wants the scalp of one of the two men who have been doing their best to put the brakes on the legislative car's mad career, the scalp of the member for Alberni.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred in the city on Saturday of Joe She-Chin, a Chinese laborer, aged 22 years. The deceased had been a patient in the Chinese hospital for some time past, suffering from tuberculosis, to which he succumbed. The funeral took place yesterday morning from the hospital to the Chinese cemetery.

MACDONALD'S CLAIM MUST GO TO TRIAL

SHERIFF HANDS OVER MONEY TO THE COURT

Harsh but Legal, Says Chief Justice in Setting Aside Bank of Vancouver Judgment

Upon an application made to the chief justice in the supreme court chambers this morning by H. B. Hall, solicitor for the Bank of Vancouver, the judgment signed by H. W. R. Moore, solicitor for D. A. Macdonald, of Vancouver, for \$5,000 on Saturday morning, on which the sheriff entered the bank and obtained the amount, was set aside and the case ordered to go to trial. The chief justice held, however, that Mr. Moore was within his legal rights in taking action, as the time for filing a defence by the bank had expired. His Lordship said that order it under which the action was taken was intended for use in the case of a sham defence, and that in the papers before him there appeared a ground of defence which could be raised when the action for \$5,000 and \$10,000 damages came for trial.

The costs in the action to date were awarded to the plaintiff, and Mr. Hall was ordered to deliver the bank's particulars of defence at once, discovery examination of plaintiff to be held as soon as Mr. Moore could get his client here from Vancouver for the purpose, and the trial to be set for one week after discovery.

The money obtained under the execution, \$5,000, by the sheriff is to be paid into court by that official in whose hands the amount rested this morning. On the bank notifying the solicitor of the execution the sheriff received a letter advising him to hold the money and not to pay it over to the plaintiff in the action, pending the hearing of the chambers application. The sheriff held the money, refusing Mr. Moore's application for it.

entered he had taken the legal steps to secure his client his money.

The chief justice referring to Mr. Moore's action said maybe it was an unnecessary legal step to take but the lawyer was within his legal rights. Mr. Moore then explained his attitude and his reasons and objected to the money being paid into court, as his client wanted the use of it. The chief justice said the money could be paid into court, and if there was any damage inflicted on the plaintiff it could be assessed when the action came for hearing.

The case arises out of an account opened in the Bank of Vancouver, Victoria, by D. A. Macdonald, a Vancouver broker, who deposited \$5,000, and discounted a note for \$2,500. He issued cheques for part of the \$5,000 and these were refused by the bank on the ground that the client had agreed to keep his cash balance up to the amount of the promissory note. The note will fall due in about ten days.

POSSIBILITIES OF IMPORTANT NOTICE

Situation Arising From Motion to Approach R. H. Thomson as to Appointment

The aldermen are chary of discussing the motion of Alderman Okell with regard to approaching Consulting Engineer Thomson to accept the position of supervising engineer, and say they do not expect action till Mr. Thomson returns to the city. As soon as the notice has been posted the necessary 24 hours; it is possible to call a special meeting to discuss the matter, and if approved authorize the committee suggested by the terms of the resolution.

The recommendations of the investigating committee which has occupied such a large share of the attention of the members of the council recently are awaited with interest, and the proposal to approach the ex-city engineer of Seattle is believed to be inspired by the experience of the works department gained in that investigation. Not only in Mr. Smith's department but in others, the committee has made a thorough investigation, the full nature of which will not be known till the stenographic report of the proceedings is available.

Nothing would be more welcome to the citizens than a final decision on the matter, which has caused so much controversy in the past few months. Mr. Smith himself has stated that he does not propose to reorganize his office following the upheaval of some weeks ago until the investigation committee has made its finding.

As Mr. Thomson occupies an important position with a body like the Seattle port commission, as chief engineer, just what sacrifices he would be prepared to make remains to be seen, but if a supervising engineer was appointed, it would be to him that the council would have to look for an expert opinion, and this would practically require his presence in the city constantly. Otherwise he would be merely a consulting engineer occupying somewhat the position Wynn Meredith does to the city in connection with the Sooke Lake waterworks, with an office in the city, and exercising general control through resident engineers.

The matter requires careful thought, and it is doubtful if any attempt will be made to resist the appointment of a committee, whatever ultimate decision may be reached on the question.

SEATTLE TRAGEDY.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 27.—Lying between the rails on the Northern Pacific track, half a mile south of Spokane avenue, the body of Oscar J. Olsen, formerly of Iditarod, Alaska, was discovered last night shortly after 11 o'clock. Olsen was about 25 years old. Deputy Coroner William Borthwick, who investigated the case, found two bullet holes in the man's body, either of which he said would have caused death. One of these was found in the back of the man's head, the other in the heart. The deputy coroner is positive the wounds could not have been self-inflicted.

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"Of course, child. What on earth—"

"Your color looks natural. I trust you don't paint!"

"Why, child," exclaimed the amazed hostess, "what do you mean by such questions? Don't you know they are impudent?"

"Impudent!" said the little girl. "Why, ma'am, mother told me to be sure and behave like a lady, and when ladies call at our rooms, they at any ask mother those questions."

The British steamer Strathgairn, with a cargo of government coal for the Mare Island navy yard, is reported steaming from Newport News on February 21.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

A. G. Kemp of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday.
H. W. Boak of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday.
At the Prince George hotel is E. C. McDougall of Seattle.
W. D. Grant of Regina, is making a brief stay in the city.
J. E. McMullen of Vancouver, arrived in the city yesterday.
Mrs. C. E. Tisdall came over from Vancouver yesterday.
F. B. Hussey of Banff, is registered at the Empress hotel.
Jesse E. Davie of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel.
A. W. Carter of Ladner, is making a brief stay in the city.
H. P. McDonald of Chicago, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.
Charles F. Hill of Nelson, has arrived at the Dominion hotel.
C. B. Eltinge of Spokane, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.
S. C. Timms of Montreal, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
Mrs. L. Aetion, Niagara street, will not receive Wednesday.
E. J. Cooper of Portland, is a guest at the King Edward hotel.
Hugh Hartshorn of Winnipeg, is a guest at the Empress hotel.
At the Westholme hotel are Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nunn of Brandon.
H. A. McMillan of Nanaimo, is staying at the King Edward hotel.
R. W. Steele of Toronto, arrived in the city yesterday from the east.
J. H. Kintin of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.
E. D. Thwaites of Comox, is in the city, registered at the Westholme hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. McLeod of Vancouver, are guests at the Prince George hotel.
A. E. Davidson of Portland, Oregon, has arrived at the King Edward hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. James Warren of Vancouver, are guests at the Empress hotel.
Captain and Mrs. W. Robinson of Winnipeg, are guests at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Moore of Vancouver, are staying at the Westholme hotel.
Edward Norton of New Westminster, is registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Trench of Salt Spring Island, arrived in the city yesterday.
A. H. Tanner and W. K. Esling of Rossland, are registered at the Empress hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wisner of Seattle, Wash., has arrived in the city on a brief visit.
Theo Wadman of Prince Rupert, spent the week end at the Prince George hotel.
Mrs. E. C. Firth and son are in the city from Nanaimo, registered at the Dominion hotel.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Anderson and Mrs. Paul Vath of Tacoma, are guests at the Empress hotel.
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The Evening Chit-Chat

By Ruth Cameron

There is a gratification for one's self and a charm for others, in having a distinctive style about one's little accessories and belongings, of which I wonder that more women do not take advantage.
When I receive an oblong white envelope of a certain kind of linen paper, I know at once, without glancing at the handwriting, that it is from a certain woman. For that woman has used that particular style of note-paper ever since I have known her.
Almost all my other correspondents have run the gamut of color and style, but she has always clung to that particular style, and thus has given her correspondence a charming distinction which I, at least, enjoy.
This same woman always carries a certain style of handkerchief—of fine linen with a very narrow border and no ornamentation, except the old English initial.
"I know Dora must be somewhere around here if I found one of those handkerchiefs in Hindustan," a friend says.
To mark all one's belongings with a monogram or initial is a very prevalent and rather pleasing fashion, but it seems to me that thus stamping them with the intangible, but none the less unmistakable mark of one's own individuality, is an even prettier custom.
One's possessions should be the expression of one's personality, but with many of us, our belongings are nothing but the reflection of passing styles, the expression of some style-dictator's personality, gotten together with absolutely no reference to their fitness for our particular selves, or to their own intrinsic beauty or merit.
There are innumerable directions in which one can express one's personality in one's belongings. The handkerchiefs, the writing paper, are merely illustrative suggestions. In gloves, in hairpins, in stockings, in neckwear, in countless other details of the costume and personal possessions, one may, if one wishes, have a distinctive style which shall stand for one's self, as surely as the embroidered or engraved monogram for one's name.
Another great advantage of such a method, besides the distinctiveness, would be the saving of time. A very original woman of fifty-five or sixty, adopted a certain style of bonnet, coat and dress, and henceforth had all her clothes made on these lines. She said the amount of time saved was enormous. She had only to buy the goods and then turn them over without a word to the milliner tailor and dress-maker. Now not many of us would care to do that, but we might emulate her time-saving, by adopting certain definite styles of accessories, and thus eliminate the time spent in selecting new styles every year or two.

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SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE.

The March number of Scribner's Magazine shows a very distinguished and cosmopolitan list of contributors, including the Englishmen, Sir Henry Norman, M. P., John Galsworthy, E. W. Hornung, and A. E. W. Mason; the Americans, Edith Wharton, Robert Grant, and Henry van Dyke, and Nansen, the Norwegian explorer.
Sir Henry Norman describes in "The Automobile in Africa" a journey from Algiers to Biskra and into the desert beyond. The charm of his writing is that he knows the historical background of the country through which he motors, and this article has the interest of a present-day adventure with the romance of the past interwoven. The illustrations are from Sir Henry's own photographs.
No one better fitted to write of Arctic exploration than Nansen, who at one time held the record. "Farthest North" in a brief space he depicts the present "Race for the South Pole," describing particularly the expeditions of Scott and Amundsen. There are also three other expeditions on the way or about ready to start. He also outlines some future possibilities for exploration in the Arctic, even after both poles have been added to the map.
Judge Robert Grant this month gives "The Convictions of a Grandfather" on those very important subjects, Employers' Liability Laws and the Complications of Modern Will Contests.
"Samuel F. B. Morse, the Painter," is described by his son, Edward L. Morse. Mrs. Wharton has a strong poem in dramatic form, "Pomegranate Seed," on a classic subject, being founded on the myth of Demeter and Persephone.
Stanley M. Arthurs, the artist, has made some striking pictures in color, giving impressions of "Early Steamboat Days" in America.
The fiction is of extraordinary interest, including: Mr. Mason's serial, "The Turnstile;" More of Henry van Dyke's allegorical "Half-Told Tales;" John Galsworthy's pathetic character study entitled "Quality;" E. W. Hornung's second "Witching Hills" story, "The House With the Red Blinds."
G. E. Woodberry, Sara Treadwell, and Benjamin R. C. Lee contribute additional poems, and Bradford Dean, of the Metropolitan Museum, makes the recent exhibition of armor the text for a most interesting description of "The Armorer and His Art."

GISSIPY PRINCESS ELOPED.

Ran Off With Hair to Throne of Rumanian Wanderers.

Cleveland, Feb. 27.—There is walling in the royal camp of the English gypsies in the suburbs of this city and prayers for the return of its princess. Not since Wednesday night has she been seen and then she was speeding away in a taxicab with Prince Frank George, the Rumanian gypsy seated by her side. The marriage of the two, it is declared by the gypsies of both countries, will mean the consolidation of the "throne" in this country. King Steven Stanley, father of Princess Dora, objected to the marriage, as did his wife, Queen Nina. The king has offered \$500 reward for the return of his daughter. Prince Frank is the son of Queen Bessie George of the Rumanians.

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A star of the padded ring, contribute a comedy turn. They bill their sketch with the title, "Who Stole the Shoes," and introduce much humor. The couple are good singing and dancing comedians, and have a bright line of dialogue. Miss Coy de Trickey, the Belle of Coontown, is a blackface exponent of fun humor and melody. She has a good repertoire of good songs and sings them in a rollicking manner. The Altus brothers are clever jugglers. They swing Indian clubs with a vim, and hurl the clubs across the stage with considerable speed. The young men are certainly adepts in this line of entertainment and put on one of the best club juggling turns seen here.
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ENGINEER THOMSON TO SUPERVISE THE WORK

Will Take Charge of Reservoir Repairs--Suggestion to Name Him as Supervising Engineer--Water Shortage Kills Street Watering Proposals.

The three closely interwoven subjects of street cleaning, the water supply and the repairs to Smith's Hill reservoir, were all discussed in connection with various reports and communications into the city council last evening. It also became clear that the repair work will be undertaken by Consulting Engineer Thomson himself at a fee of \$3,500, during which he will exercise personal supervision of the work.

It is impossible to dissociate from these three matters a resolution which was passed by Ald. Okell late in the afternoon for consideration of the council at its next meeting: "That it is hereby determined that the city of Victoria secure the services of R. H. Thomson, C. E., as supervising engineer for the said corporation, and that a committee of three be appointed by His Worship the Mayor to interview Mr. Thomson for the purpose of finding out if satisfactory arrangements can be made."

The association of the two matters appears to be that there was a divergence of opinion at the committee meeting during the day whether Mr. Thomson should be engaged to prepare plans and specifications and supervise the reservoir reconstruction at a definite fee, or whether he should be engaged as supervising engineer for the city at a fixed sum, and the reservoir work done under that arrangement. Hence the notice posted in Ald. Okell's name.

In adopting a report from the special reservoir committee, moved by Ald. Gleason, that Mr. Thomson should be engaged, the council definitely engaged the Seattle expert so far as Smith's Hill reservoir is concerned. The larger question will be one for further discussion.

The alderman, in moving the recommendation, said there was a good deal of apprehension about the condition of the construction, and the length of time to do the work. Answering the latter point first, he wished to say that the work would take about three months, but long before that time one-half of the reservoir should be ready for storage purposes. So far as the expediency of the work proposed was concerned, he thought the council would approve of the proposal to have a man of ability and experience on the work.

Ald. Stewart, in seconding the report, said that they desired to work two shifts a day in order that there should be no delay. No answer was vouchsafed to Ald. Cuthbert's query what steps should be taken to protect the water supply in the meantime.

The motion to adopt the report was carried. There were three matters, a petition, a communication and a report, which introduced a debate on the street cleaning question. The petition from nearly 100 business men on Government and Douglas streets asked for better street cleaning facilities, the use of the fresh water hydrants being suggested. The communication was from the Trades and Labor Council endorsing Chief Davis' opposition to allowing the firemen to be employed as street cleaners, and suggesting there were many men who would be glad of

work. The report was from the fire wardens on the letter of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association, protesting against the threatened closing down of the Herald street plant for generation purposes. The report favored the retention of steam in the boilers at the lighting station in case of emergency.

When the petition and communication were read, the mayor suggested reference to a committee of five business men to meet the streets committee, and go into the matter.

Alderman Guthbert, who fathered the recent scheme to use the salt water hydrants, said objection had been taken to the course he had originally suggested, and now they proposed to use fresh water. He said the petition only asked for three times a week, and of ten if necessary, and he had the authority of the president of the Vancouver Island Fire Underwriters' Association for saying they had no objection to the use of the fresh water hydrants for this purpose.

Alderman Gleason foresaw difficulties with the present state of the water supply, and the water commissioner was called on for a statement.

Mr. Raymur said that the prospects were such that every gallon would have to be saved this summer, and that it might be necessary to pump the water from the lake into the filter beds during the summer. With the reservoir empty they would have to face serious trouble through the residential districts.

Alderman Cuthbert said the flushing ought to be done at any rate till the street cleaning machine arrived, and it was childish to tell the citizens of Victoria that to cleanse the streets would endanger the municipal water supply in the coming year. He was told if the right thing was done at Beaver Lake, they would move the intake higher up into Elk Lake, and then have a supply in the lake 60 feet instead of about 14 feet at the present intake. This would give them a much better supply.

Alderman Beard hazarded the guess that Alderman Cuthbert knew a great deal more about the petition than some of the petitioners. He took issue with the statement that some of the petitioners, and thought some of the petitioners, did a good deal to dirty the streets with packing cases.

Alderman Porter thought there was undoubtedly a shortage of water, and Alderman Dilworth believed they could not expect the sidewalk to be clean while so much excavation was going on. He considered they might bring an old engine into service on the waterfront, and use water from the sea for street cleaning.

Alderman Okell supported the flushing proposal, while Alderman Hunter did not take the same gloomy view of Elk Lake supply as others.

A vote was ultimately taken, only three voting for the street flushing proposal, Aldermen Okell, Cuthbert and Hunter.

The discussion on the matter did not make it clear that a good deal of work is being done at the present time in the way of street cleaning at night.

THE OLD CHIEF KEPT HIS WORD

SIR WILFRID SAID HE WOULD FILL THE SEAT

Beside Him in House of Commons With George Graham and He Did It

The election of Hon. Geo. P. Graham in South Renfrew last week afforded deep gratification to the Liberals of this city and allied pleasure to his many personal friends here. It not only conveys some idea of the splendid fighting nature of the man. It was a remarkable tribute to his popularity and ability and marks him as a public man of whom great things may be expected.

According to the Toronto "World," the Ottawa government expended \$100,000 in the contest. Nearly all the cabinet participated. The Liberal literature was distributed by Mr. Borden's lieutenants by the cart-load and Mr. Graham won easily. The Conservative press counted on victory because of the large absentee Liberal vote in the lumber camps. Had this been available Mr. Graham's majority would have been seven hundred.

The participation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the contest raised it to the class of the "great battles of political history." The grand old chief then went to the aid of his fighting lieutenant presented an inspiring picture. Sir Wilfrid was determined to fill the vacant seat beside him in the House of Commons. Utterly indifferent to what the government might do or say; of the wealth of the trusts behind it, he had kept the chair on his right vacant and challengingly informed the government members that it was for George Graham and it would be filled very shortly. It was this which irritated the Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. Frank Cochrane, and they decided that Graham must be defeated at all costs. And yet it was filled to the tune of a four hundred majority and Sir Wilfrid, after the victory, smiled benevolently across the floor of the House at the infuriated occupants of the ministerial benches with an expression which was plainly interpreted to read, "I told you so!"

To indicate the nature of the odds against Hon. Mr. Graham the following article from the Toronto "News," the principal Conservative organ in Toronto, will be sufficient:

"Only once in the past 25 years has the riding of South Renfrew sent a member to parliament against the government, and that was in 1896 when John Ferguson was returned. There is a large vote in the riding which goes with the strongest undercurrent of feeling as election day approaches. The Malcolmection there is much to indicate that Dr. Maloney will get this vote, for what, until the past few days, was a general feeling that Maloney might have a fighting chance has now come to a fearless optimism that he will surely defeat Hon. Mr. Graham, and the Malcolmection there is now anticipating a substantial majority."

The widespread interest in the election is fully justified by the strenuous campaigning which is being indulged in and it is a question if ever before a seat in the Dominion parliament was so bitterly contested. The prestige of the government, because of the cabinet taking an active part in the campaign, has enormously strengthened Dr. Maloney's candidature and had Mr. Graham contemplated a contest it is considered even by Liberals as extremely doubtful if he would have attempted to re-enter parliament through the South Renfrew constituency.

The domestic trouble in the local ranks of the Conservative party which at the outset seriously threatened Dr. Maloney's chances has gradually faded away and the two sections are getting pretty well together as polling day approaches, and some of those who claim they were led into signing that unfortunate agreement through misrepresentation have now come publicly into line and are using their efforts in Dr. Maloney's behalf. The others are keeping strictly out of the election altogether.

So sure are the Conservatives of victory that they are freely offering bets of even money, in large or small amounts, on the Malcolmection. They are yet and as the polling approaches there is no question that the Maloney side is gaining strength. A few days ago this money would have been snapped up eagerly.

The majority of 615 to overcome is not so formidable as it looks on paper. There is a large percentage of absentees at this election and it is agreed that they are mostly men who voted Liberal last September. Many new names were put on the lists since then, most of them, it is admitted, by the Liberals, but it is reported that the Conservative canvass shows that Maloney will get more than a good half of the new vote. The canvass of the new vote has exceeded the most sanguine anticipations of the Conservatives and the reports from outlying parts of the riding received on Saturday night created unbounded enthusiasm in the Conservative committee rooms at Annapolis, Egansville and Renfrew.

FOUND DEAD ON SIDEWALK. Vancouver, Feb. 27.—William Davis, a well known resident of Fairview, was found lying dead yesterday noon on the sidewalk near his home at 946 Sixteenth avenue west, where he had been living alone for some years. Heart failure is conjectured to have been the cause of death, and it is not probable an inquest will be necessary. Mr. Davis had been a resident of Fairview for ten years.

GOLD REPORTED FOUND IN ALBERTA

Discovery Northwest of Cochrane—Many Claims Have Been Staked

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 27.—According to a meagre story which came here last night from Cochrane, gold in paying quantities has been discovered fifteen miles northwest of there in the mountainous region beyond Ghost river. An old Yukon prospector looking for new fields discovered the gold, and he declares it is there in large quantities. Cochrane at present is teeming with excitement, and most of the citizens of that place have staked claims in the vicinity of the one taken by prospector.

PARTRIDGE FOR CITY'S POOR.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Nearly a ton of dead partridges, 1,250 birds in all, will be distributed to the city's poor next week by the authorities. The birds were confiscated in storehouses by inspectors and officials of the Quebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game who have been conducting a campaign against illegal killing of game fowls.

PIONEER ARTIST DEAD.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—John Parren Gray, the pioneer artist, to whom Montreal is, to a large extent, indebted for her art association, her art gallery, and all that is artistic in her life, is dead at Longue Pointe, penniless and almost forgotten. He was aged 89. He had been cared for in the home for some years.

MINERS QUIT WORK.

Sheridan, Wis., Feb. 27.—Three hundred cost miners employed in the Carneyville mines went on strike yesterday because of a disagreement over the interpretation of the contract between operators and men. The district miners' union is attempting to settle the difficulty.

TURKEY WILL SEND TROOPS TO ALBANIA

Forty Killed in Recent Fight Between Tribesmen and Railway Guards

London, Feb. 27.—Disquieting news has come from Albania. The Valls Kosovo and Scutari have demanded reinforcements, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, and the war minister has ordered the mobilization of sixty thousand men. A skirmish between tribesmen and Turkish troops guarding the Prizren railway occurred recently, forty men being killed.

MAYOR OF GREATER BERLIN.

Former City Chamberlain Elected Under New Form of Government.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Dr. Karl Steingler, until now city chamberlain of Berlin, was elected mayor of Greater Berlin to-day. Dr. Steingler's election as first mayor of Greater Berlin places him at the head of the third greatest municipality in the world, the only cities exceeding it in size being London and New York. The population of the city is about 3,500,000.

Under this new form of government the city council will have control over matters of transportation, building plans and the requisition of suburban lands for a permanent forest and meadow sirdle around the city. The municipal council is to consist of 1000 members, about one-third of whom are elected by the city itself and the remainder by the suburban districts. Dr. Steingler was selected from a list of thirty candidates.

LIBERAL MAJORITY REDUCED.

Glasgow, Feb. 27.—St. Rollox bye-election, caused by the appointment of Rt. Hon. T. McKinnon Wood as secretary for Scotland, resulted: Wood (Liberal), 8,530; H. Macquisten (Unionist), 8,061. At the general election the vote stood: Wood, 9,291; Chamberlayne (Unionist), 7,274.

The Best Dressed Women in Victoria Come to Gordons. And from to-day the "Times" will be of greater value to every lady reader, because here, on this page, will be found the real live news of a real live store. IF YOU ARE FOND OF PRETTY CLOTHES. If you like to know just what is the latest, and if you like full value for every cent you spend it will repay you a hundred fold to read our notices and to VISIT OUR STORE. New Millinery. We have really never seen such a combination of pretty styles and low prices. Make a point of visiting this section next time you are in town. New Suits. Fresh from the manufacturers the new suits are reaching us daily. You'll be delighted when you see them, not only with the smart new styles but also with our moderate prices. "DOROTHY DODD" FOOTWEAR is all a woman wants in appearance, comfort and durability. Let your next pair of shoes be "Dorothy Dodds." "MODART" CORSETS make the most of the figure and there is a model at our store to-day which will suit you exactly. Come and try it on. Yates Street Gordons Limited Victoria B. C.

THIRTY-TWO DROWNED.

Passengers and Crew Perish When Belgian Government Steamer Sinks.

Brussels, Feb. 27.—Thirty-two of the passengers and crew were drowned by the foundering of the steamer Deliverance, a government vessel plying on the Kwango river, on the borders of Belgian Congo yesterday, according to a dispatch received by the Petit Bleu.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Brandon, Feb. 27.—Sydney Blath, a well known traveller, aged 45, of the Koch Supply Co., Kansas City, died at the Hotel Cecil here. Shortly after his arrival here he complained of suffering from pneumonia. Dr. Matheson, who was called in, sent for Mrs. Blath, his wife, and son, but the patient died before they arrived.

MUST PAY INCOME TAX.

London, Feb. 27.—The court of appeals to-day ruled that the money deposited by fire insurance companies with the Dominion governments so as to enable them to transact business in the Dominion was liable to income tax here. This decision affects three appealing companies.

S. H. JONES DIES AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Sidney H. Jones, manager of the Canadian Northwest Land Company, a subsidiary company of the C. P. R., died this morning of pneumonia. Mr. Jones, who was in full charge of this department of the C. P. R.'s activities, has been connected with the company for a great many years.

TAILORS MAY STRIKE.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—At the meeting of the journeymen tailors last night an offer of 5 per cent. increase was made by the employers and was rejected. A strike has been ordered for March 1, unless the demand of 10 per cent. increase is granted.

VIOLATED GAME ACT.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Fred Broadfoot and Chas. Stodgill, homesteaders at Fisher River, were fined \$150 and costs yesterday for violating the Game Protection Act. This brings to an end one of the most interesting cases of violation in this province.

CALGARY'S OPERA HOUSE.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—A quarter million dollar opera house at Calgary to break the long jump from Winnipeg to Seattle is the plan of the Orpheum Variety Circuit, and the new theatre will be built this summer.

BASKETBALL PLAYER DIES.

Des Moines, Feb. 27.—While playing basketball here Robert Findley, 23 years old, whose home is in Boise City, Idaho, dropped dead.

Notice to Contractors

Tenders will be received, at the office of the Board of School Trustees, on or before Tuesday, March 12th, at 4 o'clock, p. m., for the erection and completion of a High School Building on grounds situated on Fernwood Road and Grant Street, in the City of Victoria, B. C.

A separate tender will be required for the Electrical Equipment.

No tender will be required for the Plumbing and Heating.

Each tender must be accompanied by a marked cheque, payable to the Board of School Trustees, for an amount equal to 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender. This cheque will be returned to the Contractor and also to the unsuccessful tenderers when a contract has been entered into and a satisfactory bond provided. In the event of the successful tenderer refusing to enter into a contract, when called upon so to do, the deposit cheque will be forfeited to the Board of School Trustees.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Drawings and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

C. ELWOOD WATKINS, Architect.

NOTICE

"Navigable Waters Protection Act."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MARY JEAN CROFT, of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada in Council, for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in West Bay, Victoria Harbour, Victoria, B. C., being the lands situated, lying and being in the City of Victoria aforesaid, and known, numbered and described as part of Block VIII of part of Lot number 29, Section XI, Viewfield Farm, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar General of Titles in the Land Registry Office in the City of Victoria, B. C.

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WM. W. NORTHGOTT, Purchasing Agent.

City Hall, Feb. 19th, 1912.

Tenders for Air Compressors

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to 3 p. m. on Monday, Feb. 28th, 1912, for 4 Air Compressors as per specifications, which can be seen at Purchasing Agent's office.

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WM. W. NORTHGOTT, Purchasing Agent.

P. R.—The time for receiving tenders has been extended to March 4th, City Hall, Feb. 14th, 1912.

Dog Wagon Required

Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Monday, 3 p. m., the 4th of March, for a Wagon to be used for putting dogs in to convey them to the Pound. The Wagon will require to have two compartments and to have cranked axle at rear, so that it will be as low to the ground as possible; front wheels to pass underneath front of wagon. The parties tendering for the above will be required to furnish plans and specifications and time required to build the same, with all necessary lamps, locks for spring doors, and complete the same in good working order to the satisfaction of the Pound Committee and Poundkeeper.

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DATED this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1912.

JOHN SAMUEL HENRY MATSON, Petitioner.

CITY OF VICTORIA

City Lighting Department

Separate tenders will be received up to 3 p. m., March 4th, 1912, for the supply of Electrical Equipment, Globes, Lamps, etc. Specification of which can be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom all tenders are to be delivered.

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H. H. STEVENS AND DR. SUNDAR SINGH

INDULGE IN LIVELY PASSAGES BACK EAST

Doctor Counters Heavily on Vancouver's Member—Sold Land to Sikhs

The Toronto papers record a somewhat lively exchange of compliments between Dr. Sunder Singh and H. H. Stevens, M.P. for Vancouver, on the subject of the Hindu. The latter, speaking before the Women's Canadian Club, denounced Sunder Singh as a "seditionist who lives by his wits on his unsophisticated countrymen."

"He entered Canada," said Mr. Stevens, "on faked illness. When he states that he is working for his people out of sympathy for them, he lies. The ulterior purpose of the agitation by Sunder Singh on the matter of the exclusion of the Sikhs' wives, is that he and other educated Sikhs want their fellow countrymen allowed into Canada so as to exploit them for mercenary and practical ends."

"Sunder Singh and Teja Singh were at one time bitter enemies, but are now working hand in hand. They make money investing their compatriots' money in town lots in their own names. There are hundreds of Sikhs in Vancouver wondering where their savings have gone." The speaker went on to say that the Hindus in Vancouver already had a movement on foot to displace Sunder Singh and his colleagues, who by their superior knowledge of English and experience through travel, have absolute control of the more ignorant class. Mr. Stevens said that Sunder Singh had been negotiating with a transportation company in Toronto a view to bringing a colony of Sikhs from Calcutta to some place in the East.

"The surest way to weaken the prestige of the Empire," proceeded the speaker, "is to give home rule to India. The moment Britain steps out of India by granting home rule, Russia steps in and takes a hold."

"The Sikhs are filthy, even worse than the worst class of Chinamen." Regarding the matter of assimilation, such a thing is impossible among any of the three Orientals. Equality of race is a mistaken idea. It is impossible to have equality. British subjects cannot all be treated alike, but must be governed by the law.

Dr. Sunder Singh Comes Back. Dr. Sunder Singh, who was not permitted to enter the building during Mr. Stevens' address, replied in part by the following version of the matter:

"There is no truth at all in the slanderous statements made about me as the missionary of the Sikhs. I have been sent East as the envoy of my people in Canada, and they have shown their trust in me by holding a great mass meeting, comprising nearly the total Hindu population of Vancouver, and unanimously endorsing the steps I have taken."

In speaking of the accusations made by Mr. Stevens about the holding of property, Sunder Singh said: "The titles of the lots owned by different members of our community are in the name of the owners. The lots which I hold in Vancouver are in my own name, and were bought with my own money. As for the statement about my negotiating with a transportation company in Toronto with a view to bringing in a colony of Sikhs from Calcutta to some place in Eastern Canada, there is no truth in it. I am here in Toronto trying to place before Canada our side of the question. As to the remark about the order of my deportation which he says has been out for some time, I have been here in Canada for three years, and so far have not been deported. Mr. Stevens said hard to the Sikhs, but he is unwilling to let their wives come out. He alone of the seven British Columbia members of parliament is concerned about the Sikhs, regardless of the fact

that it is neither right nor politic to separate man and wife. It would be better for the people of Canada to live out the Ten Commandments in Canada before sending missionaries over to India to convert her millions. "The caste system," concluded the speaker, "has been a failure in India, and as a young nation Canada had better beware how she takes it up. We should have the rights of every other Britisher, but instead of that we are not given equal rights with the Jap and the Chinaman. Canada had better be careful in estranging the three hundred millions of India. All we ask for is common justice; with that India will be satisfied."

LOST DIAMOND RING NEARLY DISCOVERED

Peacemakers Get Setback When Owner Declared Ring Held by Accused Not Hers

Mrs. Mary Gordon's diamond ring is still missing, although for a moment this morning the court, the owner and the solicitor for Mrs. Mary Moore, who is accused of stealing it, all thought it had been discovered. A ring was discovered and produced, and the prosecutor for the time being thought all was well, but complications arose when Mrs. Gordon took a look at a large diamond ring Moore produced and said it was not the one that had been stolen from her.

The peacemaker in the case is Richard C. Lowe, solicitor, who was called in to the case last night to defend Mrs. Moore on the charge of theft that is against her. Mr. Lowe told the court he would like to look the evidence over before going to trial as it was a serious charge, and therefore a remand would be desirable.

Mr. Lowe went further after telling the court that his information was incomplete on the matter. He said he would admit his client had the ring over which the prosecution had started, but he believed that the court would find there was no charge of theft when it was disclosed how it came into her possession.

Mr. Lowe went on to say that his client had some children and that the lady who has lost the diamond ring had some children. The relation of the children to the ring was not disclosed, as Mr. Lowe cut off that part of his plea and announced that his client had the ring in court.

The cat being out of the bag, Mrs. Moore took the ring out of her glove and handed it to her solicitor. It sparkled like a miniature motor lamp, and the magistrate took a look at it. All appeared well and the lawyers went on to explain to the court that the woman lived close to one another and had been friends till there was a dispute about the ring. Their children had played games together and perhaps the ring incident could be settled out of court.

At this stage when the happy ending was in sight, the prosecutor took a look at the ring and immediately said it was not hers. All the beautiful efforts of peace making were at an end. Mrs. Moore said nothing, relying on Mr. Lowe to explain the matter, but as Mr. Lowe had been instructed only last night and had not thought of there being two diamond rings in the case, he decided he needed time to think it over and renewed his application for a remand.

The magistrate thought a day to think things over would not be amiss, and the diamond mystery was set for unravelling to-morrow morning.

Oh Jo, a Chinese who smoked opium, was fined \$20, and a gentleman with a bandaged face who said "I feel I'm galloping from the way I feel," paid the usual fine for overnight indulgence in liquor.

FORM RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Meeting at City Hall of Civilians To Night to Elect Officers and Adopt Constitution.

For the purpose of re-forming the Victoria Civilian Rifle Association, a meeting is to be held to-night at city hall, where all who are interested are invited by the convenors of the meeting to attend. The business to-night is to adopt the constitution and to elect officers. It is proposed to hold shoots at Clover Point ranges, arrangements having been made with the Fifth Regiment for that purpose. Shoots for prizes will be held, and a successful year is looked for as there are many interested in rifle shooting in Victoria. Among those who will be members are three ex-captains of rifle associations, Capt. E. J. Gallop and Capt. Mitchell of the Winnipeg Association, and Capt. S. Williams of the Cariboo Association, now resident in Victoria, will be among the members.

PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE CLOSED THIS AFTERNOON

Last of Long List of Bills Was Passed at Short Business Session First

Legislative Press Gallery, February 27. The third session—and the last—of the Twelfth Legislature of British Columbia was prorogued this afternoon by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. T. W. Paterson.

There was a large attendance of the public in the galleries and practically every member of the House was present. The House met at two o'clock and gave third reading to half a dozen bills which stood over from last night and then took a recess until the arrival of his Honor.

In spite of the greatly increased grant for roads and trails in the various constituencies there is a good deal of dissatisfaction among some rural members who consider the special circumstances and situation of their districts demand that a larger grant should be made them.

HOW RUSSIA BROKE POWER OF NAPOLEON

Muscovites Will Celebrate Centenary of Burning of Moscow

Russia is making extensive preparations to celebrate this year the centenary of the French invasion by Napoleon, and that Emperor's disastrous retreat from Moscow in which the flower of his magnificent army before whose march the thrones of Europe trembled, perished in the snows.

To rid themselves of the terrible incubus of the French legions the Muscovites set fire to their magnificent city which contained architectural fabrics of matchless splendor, whose treasures the invader intended to carry off to Paris.

It was this patriotic burning of Moscow and the ignominious rout of the French invading army that first broke the power of Napoleon. It was this that destroyed his prestige and inaugurated the series of disastrous events that culminated in his final overthrow at Waterloo. The celebrations can hardly fail to revive in the breasts of the muscovites something of their old animosity against the French whom they have been taught since their infancy to curse and to hate.

As the celebrations are to be national and to extend to every town and village of the empire, and as the pupils are now represented in a duly constituted parliament—developments are looked forward to with great interest.

The celebration of this centennial which will begin about Easter and continue throughout the summer will attain its climax in October, the month in which the burning of Moscow took place.

With this celebration will be blended another, inasmuch as the coming summer marks the centenary of the election of the House of Romanoff to the throne of Russia. People have become so accustomed to look upon Peter the Great as the founder of the reigning house of Russia that they often fail to realize that the Romanoffs had exercised sovereign sway over the Muscovite Empire for a hundred years before the daring feat of calling the great city of St. Petersburg into existence on the desert swamp at the mouth of the Neva became an accomplished fact.

The beginning was in this way:—The first of the Romanoffs to occupy the throne of the Czars was Michael, that name who at the age of sixteen was elected by the Boyars to be their ruler in February, 1613, at Moscow. He was chosen on the nomination of Demetrius Troubetskoy, after the latter had declined the crown, and he was prompted in putting forward the candidature of the lad by the virtues of the young fellow's father, the Archbishop and Metropolitan Theodore, and partly, too, because of the boy's descent from Rurik.

The dynasty of that Scandinavian contemporary of the English King Alfred the Great, who by establishing himself as Grand Prince of Novgorod may be said to have been the first of all Russian rulers, became extinct in the male line, with Czar Feodor, in 1588. Feodor was the son of Ivan the Terrible, and Ivan's sister Anastasia had married Nicetas Romanoff. The

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<h3>Lot Four</h3> <p>Consists of Men's & Youths' Suits Made of fine tweeds and chevots; dependably lined and splendidly tailored. Regular \$10 and \$12 values. Our price, only</p> <h1>\$6.75</h1> <p>One Lot, Fine Tweed Pants That are very serviceable for every day wear. All neat stripes and plain colors. Worth anywhere \$2.50 and \$2.75. Our price, pair</p> <h1>\$1.25</h1>	<h3>Lot Five</h3> <p>Consists of Men's Fine Dress Suits The new browns and greys, in worsteds and tweeds. Faultlessly tailored, serge and mohair lined. All well worth \$15 and \$16.50. Our price</p> <h1>\$9.75</h1> <p>Another Lot of Good Pants That are made of imported Tweeds and Chevots. Also those hard-finished Worsteds go in this lot at the same price. The regular values are \$2.75 to \$3.50. Our price, pair</p> <h1>\$1.75</h1>	<h3>Lot Six</h3> <p>Consists of Men's Suits That are the cream of the stock. Suits that are guaranteed to excel any tailor-made ones at \$20 and \$25. Every style of cloth, size and pattern are offered you at this low price</p> <h1>\$12.75</h1> <p>Here's the Last and Best Lot Men's Dressy Pants that are the peer of any you will find elsewhere. They come in stripes, also neat blue and black worsteds. You have the choice of the lot at low price of</p> <h1>\$2.75</h1>

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PROPOSED TUNNEL UNDER MOUNT ROYAL

Montreal Authorities and Canadian Northern Have Practically Reached Agreement

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The Canadian Northern's great plan to bore a tunnel through Mount Royal for a distance of three miles in order to establish terminal facilities for its transcontinental line in the heart of Montreal came before the railway committee today. The city and the company have practically reached an agreement, but the details of the bill were not all threshed out when the committee reported on Tuesday next.

ISSUE NOT PERSONAL ONE

Roosevelt Denies Report That He Had Said Taft Was Not Progressive

Boston, Feb. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt, angered by a published report that he had said President Taft was not progressive, said to-day he would not be drawn into a personal controversy with the administration. Although he had declared his intention of making a "straight-out fight" for the Republican presidential nomination.

THE TRIAL OF SNEAD

Jury Which Retired on Saturday Has Not Yet Reached Verdict

Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 27.—"Get down on your knees and pray to Almighty God for wisdom in reaching a verdict, but send me no more communications."

How to Cure Your Stomach Trouble

People who have stomach disorders are never in good health. They are continually suffering from one thing or another.

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BID FOR VOTE OF WORKERS IN ELECTION

Premier Makes Announcement of Still Another Inquiry in the Future

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 27. Just before the House adjourned at 2 o'clock this morning the premier fired a campaign shot, designed to catch the working-class vote in the coming election.

He announced that it was the intention of the government, as soon as possible after the session, to appoint a royal commission on labor, "so as to enable parliament later on to take what steps in the premises seem just and wise."

The premier was speaking to a bill of J. H. Hawthornthwaite, respecting employment agencies, and he recalled that for some years Socialist members had urged on the government the passage of drastic legislation in connection with labor. The government had indicated its desire not to interfere between employer and employee, but to leave hours of labor, wages and so forth to settlement by those interested.

It always appeared to the government that if once the legislature started, it would be hard to draw the line where the function of the legislature should stop. This province being yet in the formative stage, the government, having a single eye to the public good, and in order at all seasons to induce both capital and labor to come here, the Conservative party preferred to move slowly. Continuing the premier said:

"We have been surveying the field to see what steps we should take in this matter. Pressure has been very specific from the quarter I referred to and from the Conservative party as well. It is proposed on the rising of parliament, just as soon as time will permit, to submit to the lieutenant-governor a recommendation for the appointment of a royal commission whose function will be to carefully and completely investigate labor conditions through British Columbia in order that we may secure a report from that source that will deal in a general way with the affairs that especially relate to the employment of labor in British Columbia."

"We feel that by wise selection we will be able to assemble a commission that will report to the government and legislature so as to enable parliament later on to take what steps in the premises seem just and wise."

The premier stated that ample opportunity would be afforded all interested to appear and be heard, and the commission would cover the province. It would be another earnest to the people of British Columbia of the desire of the government to deal fairly by all classes that dwell in the community.

REINDEER IN ALASKA.

It is only a few years since the United States government, as an experiment which it was hoped would help the Eskimos and Indians of Northern Alaska, imported a few scores of reindeer from Norway, with a number of Lapps skilled in their care. Subsequently other reindeer were brought from the opposite coast of Asia, and although it was known that the particular form of moss or lichen on which these animals live, and which flourishes under the snow, was abundant within the American Arctic circle, the attempt to introduce reindeer was regarded by a majority of our citizens as being quite wild and visionary as was the purchase of Alaska by Secretary Seward in 1867.

The few score reindeer have grown to 27,225, distributed in 42 herds. More than one-half, or 14,993, are owned by natives who, before the advent of the reindeer, were in a state of the most wretched poverty. Of the remainder, 3,730 are owned by the United States, 4,194 by missions, and 4,407 by Lapps. From the total income of the Eskimos from the reindeer industry, during the year last reported, was \$24,438.05. It promises well for the conscience of the nation that we have come at length to recognize kinship with our little brown brother whom, heretofore, we have left to be despoiled by the trader.—The Christian Herald.

A lady in the centre seat of the parlor car heard the request of a fellow-passenger directly opposite, asking the porter to open the window, and, seeing a draft, she immediately drew a cloak about her. "Porter, if that window is opened," she snapped testily, "I shall freeze to death." "And if the window is kept closed," returned the other passenger, "I shall surely suffocate."

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PROPOSES TO DIVIDE UP AUSTRALASIA

Suggests Britain Give Half of Commonwealth to Germany

It is an angry and indignant Australian that has been aroused by Dr. Alfred Caldecott, professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy at King's College, London, who proposes a plan for the partitioning of Australia between Great Britain and Germany. If the professor had launched a proposal that the British government should give the half of England herself to Teutonic Empire, it could hardly have created more consternation, or more whole-hearted condemnation, in the calm and philosophical London Spectator describes the suggestion as an illustration of the extraordinary lengths to which a "well-meaning but muddle-headed man" can go to put his country in the wrong. The present sentiment of Australia is that never was a person more unfit to expound the act of the mind placed in a university chair, and there is little prospect of any young Australian genius being sent to King's College to develop under the fostering care of this moral philosopher.

The feeling provoked is something the same as would be aroused by some distinguished British educationist to propose that Canada should be divided between Great Britain and the United States. "Muddle-headed" would assuredly be considered a mild phrase to apply to the distinguished scholar who ventured to propound such a scheme. It is worthy of note that not even the most Anglophobe Germans have ventured to suggest that German aspirations for territorial expansion should be gratified by a slice of a million or two square miles from one of the largest of Great Britain's self-governing dominions.

That transactions which are called business deals between nations are not uncommon these days is well known. Great Britain and France have in recent years shown a laudable readiness to adjust frontier difficulties by small interchanges of territories in Africa. By ceding certain strips of her Congo possessions France has obtained from Germany the free hand in Morocco for which she has long been negotiating in vain. So sensible a means of settling differences and promoting international goodwill might with advantage have been resorted to much earlier in history, and the advisableness of extending the operation of the new principle has naturally suggested itself.

It never dawned on Germany that any British subject could conceive such a notion as to throw them nearly half of Australia as a sop. Australia was colonized by the British people, and has been in their undoubted possession for a century and a quarter. When the French on one occasion ventured to inquire what portion Britain proposed to keep, the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Lord John Russell) set all doubts at rest by drawing a line right round the island continent. The whole, and nothing less—something more, indeed, for even the Pacific islands not hitherto appropriated could not be allowed to pass into foreign hands—has ever since been recognized as a land destined to remain wholly British. The London Spectator probably says no more than the truth when it declares that Australians would fight to a man to repel the invasion of foreigners seeking sovereignty over any part of the country.

The Melbourne Argus discussing Dr. Caldecott's proposal, says: "The fact that such an opinion can be entertained by a man of Dr. Caldecott's standing has in it, of course, a certain amount of significance; for though the settlement which has been accomplished is no doubt sufficient to fulfill the requirements of the doctrine of 'effective occupation,' there can be no question that it has not proceeded as rapidly or as steadily as prudence requires."

The Labor party with its restrictive policies is blamed for this and the value of really energetic and sustained immigration policy is strongly emphasized. "Yes," remarks the Argus, "Australians will not always be under the spell of doctrinaires. We will ultimately take a practical view of our responsibilities. We want more people, and want them badly, but we are not in such desperate straits as to entertain for a single moment the idea of acquiring the 'stability' which Dr. Caldecott desiderates by inviting a foreign power for Germany's surplus population, but any welcome that Germans receive will be extended to them as individuals destined to merge their nationality in that of their adopted country."

REPURCHASE OF SUBSIDY LANDS

BILL PROVIDES FOR A COOL TRANSACTION

Government to Buy Back What Lands Railway Company Couldn't Sell Otherwise

In 1890 the legislature passed an act granting to the B. C. Southern Railway Company a subsidy of 20,000 acres of land per mile of its railway. Under the provisions of this act, it is now alleged that some 2,757,233 acres were granted to the railway company. Under the terms of this subsidy act the lands were to be exempt from taxation so long as the company offered the same for sale and settlement upon the same terms as crown lands could be acquired for the same purposes. The company never offered these lands for sale or settlement upon the terms under which crown lands could be acquired. Consequently the lands never were entitled to be exempt from taxation. Notwithstanding this, the government, although pressed to do so, did not cause these lands to be assessed until 1908. Included in the subsidy lands granted to the railway company were the famous coalfields in the Crow's Nest Pass, now valued at hundreds of millions of dollars. The company has disposed of these coal lands and all other lands and timber for which they have been able to find purchasers up to the present time, amounting to 668,929 acres. They also reserved for their own use 54,496 acres of picked timber lands in the different valleys throughout their land grant.

After disposing of every acre possible and retaining for their own use all the lands which the company think have a future prospective value, they now sell and reconvey to the government the worthless lands and mountain tops at the price of 40 cents per acre, plus \$251,813 assessed taxes past due, plus the government's right for taxes during the years, 1902-3-4-5-6-7. They also agree that upon the picked land retained by the company, for the next six years the rate of taxation shall be on the basis of an assessed value of 40 cents per acre.

In 1896 the legislature passed an act granting a land subsidy to the Columbia & Western Railway Company. It is now alleged that the company claim to be entitled to grants from the crown of lands approximating 1,348,145 acres, out of which the company has sold 108,240 acres, besides large amounts of timber. Under the provisions of this bill it is proposed to buy back from the company the lands which the company has hitherto been unable to sell. A curious phase of the situation is that while under this bill the company claim to be entitled to 1,348,145 acres, from which is to be deducted the 108,240 acres which the company has sold, they propose to reconvey to the government 1,514,822 acres, or several hundred thousand acres more than they claim to have been originally entitled to.

It will be remembered that when this and other railway bills were before the legislature, Mr. Brewster protested against the manner in which these measures were being rushed through the House without time for examination or reconsideration. The very fact that a discrepancy of this kind could have escaped the notice of all the members of the legislature is a sufficient comment upon the manner in which the public business of the country is being transacted.

WOMEN BOYCOTT THE EGG MARKET

Successful Revolt Against High Cost of Living—Example Spreading

The women of Pittsburg have risen in their wrath and boycotted the egg merchants to such effect that they have brought down the prices of new laid eggs from 54 cents to 41 cents per dozen. Another effect of the boycott was that half a million eggs labelled "not from storage" were left in the hands of the dealers on a recent Saturday night.

As a result of the Pittsburg situation the dealers confess that there has been an unprecedented falling off in the demand. The boycott is not ended. The women declare they will bring prices down another ten cents. In several rich districts of the east-end-Pittsburg, fashionable quarter—where the price has little effect on demand, but where the influence of the women's club organizations is very strong, sales of eggs since the boycott are stated to have declined enormously.

Butter has been included in the boycott, but the situation has responded to the women's absent treatment less readily. The women are holding out for 35 cent butter and 25 cent eggs. The indications are that they will carry their purpose.

In New York the situation is even more interesting. It is not a boycott there, but the arrest of 400 butter and egg men that has been asked for, by the assistant district attorney, Mr. De Ford, who, as the result of two weeks' investigation, has asked for warrants for the 400 members of the New York Mercantile Exchange. The magistrate, Mr. Murphy, is to take evidence in a series of public hearings. It is alleged that the members of the exchange fixed the price of butter and eggs so that in the spring and summer months, when such products are

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The names of all of the 400 members of the exchange who have become such within the last five years—the period of responsibility named in the statute of limitations—are given in the information and warrants are asked for all of them. It is asserted that they were all parties to the conspiracy. In that they participated in the election of officers, paid annual dues to the treasurer of the exchange, bought and sold at wholesale in accordance with the schedule of prices fixed by Urner and Taber, the vice-president of the exchange and his partners, and "did and performed other acts to your informant unknown."

In the information it is alleged that the members of the exchange have conspired to injure trade and commerce, to restrict and prevent competition to the injury of the public, and are therefore guilty of violation of section 580 of the penal law. It is the same section under which the lives of poultry trust, composed of dealers in Washington market, was prosecuted last summer and thirteen of its members were sent to prison. Mr. De Ford had charge of the prosecution in that case.

Besides the charter, rules, records and the evidence in a suit against the exchange now pending in Brooklyn, Mr. De Ford had before him a number of witnesses. Statistics and data were furnished by F. G. Urner and William C. Taber. Mr. Taber's explanation of the high price of butter this year was that the accumulation of the summer product was smaller than usual because of the break in prices in the late winter and



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spring of 1911. Prices then declined so far, he said, that butter substitutes were driven out of the market and the trade was thrown entirely on genuine butter. Then, too, he continued, buyers followed the advances of the fall and winter to a "most remarkable extent," eating up the fresh receipts and cutting into the storage stock steadily. The New York Mercantile Exchange, whose building is at 6 Harrison street,



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BONAR LAW FALLS IN HIS FIRST TILT

Idol of Unionists Broken in First Attack—Unwise Criticisms

Mr. Bonar Law's accession to the leadership of the Conservative party was hailed as a gift from the gods. He is a fighting man from head to toe without a vulnerable spot in his armor. No heel like that of Achilles in which a Georgian arrow might find a resting place.

He made no pretensions to the intellectual eminence of Mr. Balfour, but neither did he suffer from the pale cast of thought which the more ardent and irrepressible members of the party considered too frequently to "stick o'er" the utterances of that highly philosophic and exceedingly polished knight of the parliamentary arena.

Mr. Bonar Law without being what one would call a Canadian, a Canadian Scotman with Irish blood of the hard hitting kind, with a firm grasp on parliamentary facts and conditions which, are with the woven web of eloquence considered the best equipment for the parliamentary warrior.

It cannot be said that the new leader disappointed his friends in the activity, energy and vigor he displayed. And as for the blows he struck they seemed strong enough to shatter the walls of the most staunchly defended Radical Jericho that any combination of Liberals, Laborites and Irish Nationalists could erect. He was so direct, so aggressive and downright that he undoubtedly put new heart into his followers. Not only in parliament but in various parts of the country he was looked upon as a fighter of the right kind—a regular parliamentary Coeur-de-lion who belted away without mercy everything that roused up against him. All this until a couple of weeks ago when he made his greatest effort, delivering an address in the Albert hall, London, in which the Liberals were smitten hip and thigh. It was a slashing, smashing speech which filled the Tories with joy.

Then came the reaction, which the Montreal Herald. It was immediately discovered that the onslaught upon the Liberals was filled with erroneous statements. Had the leader contented himself with general denunciations all might have been well, but he committed himself to many assertions of the nature of fact which upon examination, were found to be baseless.

One of the attacks upon the government was on account of its neglect of the army. Here he fell foul of the highly accomplished military correspondent of the London Times, recognized as the doyen of his class in Europe. It was this way. Mr. Bonar Law said the weapons of the army were wholly unequal to those of up-to-date military establishments on the Continent, and that Lord Haldane's administration of the war office had been one long "failure." But the military correspondent in question at once declared that Bonar Law's sweeping attack upon Lord Haldane only "provoked a smile" among the experts, and then proceeded to list the Conservative leader by his own petard, saying: "When we are told by Mr. Bonar Law that the weapons of our army are utterly inferior to those of other nations, the first thought that occurs to us is that some members of the Unionist party deserve to be hanged; for our present rifle and our present field gun were both introduced by a Unionist government. Our field gun, however, is commonly supposed to be the equal of any gun in Europe except the French; while our short rifle was adopted under the special patronage of Lord Roberts."

The most damaging exposure of Mr. Bonar Law's blunders, however, was made by the chancellor of the exchequer in his speech of February 3. For the Conservative leader had made a headlong assault upon Liberal finance, and Mr. Lloyd George had no difficulty in showing that most of Bonar Law's figures were wrong and his deductions glaringly fallacious. Before proceeding to take up his charges and mistakes seriatim, the chancellor had a little fun with the Conservatives and their new leader, in the following vein: "Shortly before Mr. Balfour's retirement, I remember at a Tory meeting one gentleman got up and proclaimed that they were suffering from too much intelligence. Mr. Bonar Law, Judge of his Albert hall speech, is going to take care that they suffer no longer from that malady. At the Albert hall, in a regular crescendo of vituperation, he said, "doctors," "lunatics," "gambling cheats," "Gadarene swine," and they said, in a perfect delirium of triumph—they embraced each other, and said—"Balfour could never have said things like that." Nor could he.

Taking up Bonar Law's assertion that, since the Liberals came into power, national expenditures had increased by \$29,999,999, the chancellor of the exchequer proved to demonstration—and this is admitted by the Tory newspapers, who now admit that

BONAR LAW BLUNDERED GRIEVOUSLY

he was \$55,000,000 out of the way through not understanding the official figures of which he was supposed to be so great a master. Of the conceded increase in governmental outlay, nearly \$40,000,000 had gone to the navy, yet Bonar Law and his party had continually demanded still higher naval appropriations and denounced the Liberals for not making them.

But Lloyd George went over the figures, for one department after another, and was able to convict Bonar Law of errors at point after point. Here he was wrong by \$40,000,000, only "a trifling error." Next was "the slight inaccuracy of \$10,000,000," which was "rather good for Bonar Law." All told, the chancellor pitilessly exposed the blunders of the Conservative leader in a field where he was supposed to be peculiarly competent.

But even worse remained. Bonar Law had accused the government of making spoils of the new offices which had been made necessary to carry out the Old Age Pension Act, the Insurance Act, and so on. His exact language was: "They have succeeded in six years in creating a political spoils system which already rivals that of the United States." But in reply Lloyd George was not only indignant but absolutely overwhelming. He took up the matter, item by item, and showed how utterly reckless and unfounded were the assertions of Bonar Law. The new officers—have been necessary in order to work four acts of parliament, and here are facts as summarized:

(1) Old-Age Pensions Act—All new offices filled out of those who had passed excise examination. No officials appointed from outside.

(2) Labor Exchanges Act—All officials appointed by a committee consisting of the chairman of the civil service commission, Mr. Shackleton, and a member of the tariff reform commission—not a single member of the party to which the government belongs.

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He suggested the formation of a squadron of whaling vessels to transport merchandise between Nova Zembla and the coasts of the two Siberian rivers. Facilities of transportation thence to the interior are already supplied by river steamers. Heretofore, the difficulty of commerce in this direction has lain in the fact that steamers could not carry cargoes from European ports to the river mouths actively, as only one round trip could be made during each open season. This difficulty is overcome by adopting Nova Zembla as a point of tranship-

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COST OF TRADES UNIONS. At the present time there are upwards of 2,500,000 trade unionists in the United Kingdom. To manage their affairs there are over 10,000 paid secretaries, organizers, and agitators, who are paid £250,000 a year by the workmen. Nearly 11 per cent of the trade union funds is, on the average, spent in dispute pay, and 22 per cent is classed as "miscellaneous," and amounts to £4,250,000. In the two years, 1909-10, nearly 12,500,000 days' work and pay were lost to the workers of this country through labor disputes. But the 10,000 officials received full pay, full expenses, full advertisement, and the fullest opportunity for advancement.

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"Get Rich Quick Wallingford," the successful American comedy by Geo. M. Cohan, which has broken all records for runs both in New York and Chicago, will come to the Victoria Theatre on Thursday. The play, based on the magazine stories by George Randolph Chester, deals with the subject of "easy money," a theme near to the heart of every human being, and particularly to the man of to-day. In placing upon the stage the suave and polished exploiters of get-rich-quick schemes Mr. Cohan has shown a rare insight into human nature and a satirical thrust that finds an echo of laughter about every second of the play's duration. The comedy is replete with scintillating "Cohanese" dialogue that is not only the quintessence of clean-cut, wholesome humor, but also bears a lesson of achievement. There are nearly thirty speaking parts in the play, acted by a company personally selected by Mr. Cohan, and the four acts of the comedy are beautifully staged.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

BY DR. FRANK CRANE

In the morning of Ascension Day, very early, when the sun is barely up and the dew is yet young on the grass, hundreds of 1909 people in Florence betake themselves to the public park, and there catch crickets which they put into minute cages, of wire walls and wood floors, the whole scarcely larger than your fist, and these they sell during the day to any who have eight cents or so to spare, to purchase the same, and hang them outside their window that night to hear them cheep-cheep.

This excellent illustration of that form of madness common among men, the madness of ownership. Why should I want to own a cricket? Or, for that matter, can I not hear a bird sing, and see it hop and flutter without an insane desire to trap it and put it behind bars and call it mine? What is that peculiar pleasure I get from hanging a picture in my home, rather than going to see it in a gallery? All along the city streets I look into shop windows and see displayed on store fronts and sidewalks trinkets, grimcracks, jewelry, pots and pans, stuffs and ornaments, which merchants wish to induce me to own. But why should I add them to my pile of junk already heaped up in my house, to be dusted, guarded, polished and cared for, to tempt robbers to take my life, and tax-assessors to pillage my purse, and my neighbors to envy me? I would as soon wish to pick stars from the sky, the moon from her course, plifer the purple veil from the mountain, or the gorgeous colored clouds from the stems they grow on, to die in a vase on my table.

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Abruzzi Set Free After 46 Years Imprisonment.
The notorious Abruzzi brigand chief, D'Angelo, has just received the royal pardon after undergoing 46 years' imprisonment, in the course of which he never asked a favor from anybody nor broke the prison rule. He was very loth to quit his convict home. He has no relatives left, and with 16 in his pocket, the fruit of his long term, he was carried to the railway station on a litter, because he has become utterly paralyzed in his lower limbs.

He was terrified on seeing a passing automobile, and when for the first time he saw a man riding a bicycle he cried out, fearing that the cyclist would fall.
The officials supplied him with a railway ticket for his native mountain town of Fabombara, where over half a century ago D'Angelo killed his first victim for besmirching the character of his sweetheart.
Up to the time of his arrest he mirrored a dozen wayfarers. His favorite procedure was to lead them to the edge of a yawning precipice and there put to them the fatal alternative, "Leap down, or I put a ball through your brains."

FRENCH WORKERS' LUCK.

Wealthy Manufacturer Conveys Factories to His Employees.
A rare piece of good fortune has befallen the employees of M. Delatour, a wholesale boot and shoe maker, who has two factories, one in Paris and the other at Liancourt.
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One day recently, while at home through indisposition, he passed the kitchen and surprised his old servant in tears. She said she was depressed at the thought of what would happen to her if he dismissed her. The incident set M. Delatour thinking, and next day he sent for his lawyer and settled an annuity on the old woman. But he did not stop there. He resolved to hand over the works to his employees, and under his instructions the lawyer drew up a deed transferring the buildings and plant and stock to fifty of the men who had helped him to make his fortune. This is equivalent to a gift of about £30,000, or an average of £1,600 to each employee.
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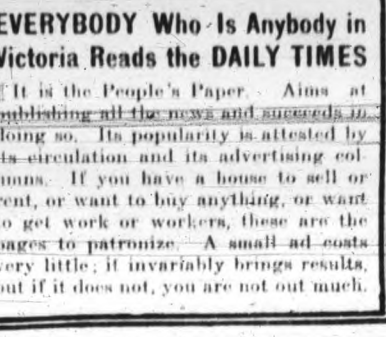
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AUTO SKIDS; KILLS ONE, INJURES FIVE

FRANK STUBBS MET AN INSTANT DEATH

Machine Wrecked on Comox Road—Inquest and Police Inquiry to Be Held

Frank Stubbs, of Victoria, was killed; John Wright, and Andrew Andrews, of Victoria, were badly injured; E. R. T. Court-Emmacha, of Seattle, and Misses J. McKenzie and N. Nicholson, of Nanaimo, were bruised and shaken in an automobile accident last night between Nanaimo and Wellington, when the car, owned and driven by the first named, skidded and collided with a telegraph pole on the roadside. The place of the accident was on the Comox road near the Quarter-Way House.

LOCAL NEWS

New Apartment House.—An apartment house to cost \$40,000 is to be erected on the corner of Simoes and Government streets. It will be built by Messrs. Dunford & Sons.

Harbor Improvement Committee Meets.—The harbor improvement committee of the board of trade met this morning and reviewed developments in connection with their work, which have transpired since they made their last report.

Kicked by a Horse.—Arthur Chapman, a driver for the Capital Meat Market, received a kick from a horse yesterday which proved so serious that he had to be removed to St. Joseph's hospital.

Fell Down a Cellar.—William Walton, employed as a workman in the building department of the Phoenix Brewery, who yesterday morning fell down one of the cellars at the brewery on his head, is reported to be still in a semi-unconscious state.

Mothers' Meeting.—To-morrow afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock the regular mothers' meeting of the Metropolitan Methodist church will be held in the rooms at the church.

Epworth League Meeting.—Last evening the regular meeting of the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church was held. Four papers were read at the meeting, one on "Women's Suffrage," by Miss Grace Brown, another on "Literature," by Miss Beatrice Willis, a third on "Athletics," by Wallace McKell, and the fourth on "Temperance," by Mr. Heardman.

S. S. Graded Union.—The regular meeting of the Sunday school teachers of the city will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building.

MRS. VERMILYEA'S TRIAL.—Chicago, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Louise Vermilyea, accused of the murder of Police Arthur Blismette, whose trial has been set for next Thursday, will have to be wheeled daily into the courtroom in an invalid's chair.

MINING DISPUTE.—London, Feb. 27.—No settlement was reached in the labor coal dispute to-day. The conference between owners and the miners will be resumed tomorrow.

APPEAL BEING HEARD.—Ottawa, Feb. 27.—In the Supreme Court hearing was commenced to-day on the appeal from the Court of Appeal for British Columbia in the case of Alberta-Pacific Elevator Company and Vancouver Milling & Grain Company.

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Corner, 90x170, with an 8-room house, adjoining the reserve; \$5000 cash, balance 6, 12 and 18 months at 7 per cent. Price is \$15,000.

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MEXICAN REBELS TO RESUME MARCH

Leader of Vosquistas Says He Will Move Southward Against Mexico City

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 27.—The situation in Juarez is absolutely peaceful this afternoon. Inez Salazar, in command of the Vosquistas, announced that he was able to maintain perfect order and shortly the majority of his command will begin a march southward upon Chihuahua and Mexico City.

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 27.—Emilio Vasquez Gomez, whose name has been used by rebels who took Juarez to-day and who called on President Madero to resign, declared he would not go to Juarez to accept the provisional presidency of the republic.

Port of Juarez Closed.—Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Word was received at the treasury department to-day that the Mexican consul in El Paso had declared in the name of President Madero that the port of Juarez was closed. The announcement, however, will not stop traffic.

RISK LIVES FOR CANDY.—Chicago, Feb. 27.—Scores of persons risked their lives in East South Water street last night to procure boxes of confections when hundreds of pounds of candy were thrown into the street by firemen when a candy factory was on fire.

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VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT. DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE ONE.

Take notice that Frederick James Yeandle, of Vancouver, B. C., lumberman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north bank of the Southgate River on the east line of Lot 52, Coast District, Range 1, about 35 chains distant and in a southerly direction from the N. E. corner of Lot 52, thence east 30 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence west 30 chains, thence north 40 chains to the point of commencement.

FORTIFICATION OF PANAMA CANAL

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The strike situation in Lawrence, Mass., was taken up in the House to-day, but an effort to inquire into the alleged abuses of strikers by soldiers and police failed. Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on labor, sought authorization for his committee to undertake an investigation. He had introduced a resolution providing \$10,000 for the work.

OHIO RIVER RISING.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 27.—Ice, twenty four inches thick, frozen to the bottom of the Allegheny river for two months, began to break up at several points above this city to-day and started to the Ohio. The heavy cakes struck a gorge at the mouth of the Kiskiminetas river carrying it out and relieving more gorges ice several miles below.

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Vancouver, Feb. 27.—"Yes, I have heard some talk in Liberal circles about the advisability or otherwise of the party placing candidates in the field in the various constituencies of the province at the forthcoming election and some have expressed the opinion that there should be no candidates. I think, however, that public duty demands that the Liberal party should offer candidates in all ridings. In taking such action Liberals would be carrying out their duty as citizens and as members of a great political party."

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GARDEN HOES, .55c
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SPADING FORKS, long handle, each, \$1.25
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PROTEST AGAINST MINIMUM WAGE

LIBRARY ESTIMATES BEFORE COUNCIL

Mattress Factory Will Locate in City—Stone Wharf for McDonald and Wilson

At the meeting of the city council last evening the library commissioners submitted estimates for the current year amounting to \$11,500, and suggested that as borrowers from Saanich and Oak Bay were receiving the advantages of these areas should be asked to contribute \$100 each, and falling that whether the council would consider the question of books being loaned to persons resident outside the city limits.

The mayor was sorry to find the council of last year had permitted the commissioners to exceed their revenue and thereby incur a debt to be met by their successors.

Ald. Gleason said the council was not to blame, but they were not aware of the condition of affairs till the end of the year. He did not think it would occur again.

The secretary of the Victoria Builders' Exchange, W. J. Cox, wrote on behalf of the exchange protesting against the minimum wage of \$3 for civic employees. The letter urged that the exchange, while not "opposed to any legitimate increase in the rate of wages and concurs that skilled laborers, who are British subjects, should be given preference, yet the sudden advance as proposed by the city upon

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all municipal works will place contractors at a great disadvantage and financial loss as contracts have been based upon a lower rate of wages, and these contracts will not be finished for some time, and the advance will have a bad effect on the building business in the city at present. The advance will have the effect of bringing a large influx of alien and undrable labor, and inasmuch as about 75 per cent. of this labor at the present time is foreign, without any sympathy for British institutions, such labor is detrimental to the best interests of the city. The labor market at present is filled with men demanding work in view of the large civic contracts let, viz., Sooke lake waterworks, high school, sewerage and other works, and the proposed reconstruction of the reservoir, the proposed increase being 3 per cent. on unskilled labor will be an additional cost to the ratepayers.

The exchange will be informed that the protest comes in too late, the matter having been under consideration for the past half year, and the objection will therefore not carry weight.

G. P. R. Roberts and nineteen others wrote protesting against the location of a stable on Burdette avenue, opposite Bishopscourt, it being declared a nuisance to the neighbors. It appears that this is a disused stable, now brought into service again. On Ald. Cuthbert's suggestion, the letter will be to the solicitor and sanitary inspector.

Ald. Okell remarked that it was necessary to amend the present obsolete health by-law before they could regulate these matters. He had tried all last year to secure amendments.

A. J. and F. J. O'Reilly notified the council that they had commenced an action for damages and an injunction against the city in connection with Pleasant street boundary line. The city will accordingly defend same. The letter was referred to the engineer and solicitor for a report meanwhile.

Some discussion took place on a proposal to authorize the issuance of a permit for a bedding and furniture factory, on behalf of the Barber Mattress Factory, Ltd. of Vancouver, on lots 3 and 4 block 14, near Topaz avenue, close to the Victoria & Sidney railway, in view of the fact that an mattress factory is, in the words of the fire chief, "a hazardous risk." The building inspector did not pass the plans in view of the importance of the risk, referring them to the council.

Ald. Cuthbert said it was undoubtedly true that a mattress factory was very inflammable.

The fire chief observed that the promoters had mentioned they were willing to put in a tank containing five to ten thousand gallons for emergency purposes.

It was decided to grant the permit, subject to the engineer and building inspector's approval of plans.

Permission was granted McDonald & Wilson, contractors, for the parliament buildings' extension, who have purchased a lot, No. 583, Montreal street, for a wharf site to load stone, to erect a travelling crane thereon. Plans submitted covered the ground proposed, and these are to be carefully adhered to in putting up the crane.

A contract was authorized with Joseph Frazer, who will be the next caretaker of the public comfort station.

A lease of property belonging to the B. C. Pottery Company in Victoria West will be taken in order to provide for joining pipes for sewer work, and saving hauling charges. A shed will be erected on the property for the use of the city workmen. A tenancy for twelve months, with powers of renewal from month to month, has been arranged.

The Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company made a claim for compensation for injuries to a horse through catching its foot in the guard rail of the B. C. E. R. track near the Rock Bay bridge approach, mentioning this was the second time they had suffered in this manner, and others had also had horses injured. The horse would have to be destroyed. The letter will go to the city solicitor to see whether the B. C. E. R. or the city is responsible. The sum of \$500 is claimed by the company.

I. Fifield and wife were appointed caretaker and cook at the Isolation Hospital.

The S. P. C. A. will be granted \$250 and the St. John Ambulance Association \$100.

It was resolved that immediate steps should be taken to give an opportunity to get material into the residence site of Col. Prior, which was

burned down last week. The house is to be rebuilt at once.

In order to avoid serious inconvenience to the access to the Herald street garbage wharf, the medical officer of health, Dr. G. A. B. Hall, suggested either grading the lane between Telegraph street and Herald street, or grading Telegraph street to its full width. There was an average of 99 loads a day using the streets, and the amount was rapidly increasing. The question arose from the permit granted to the Swift's Canadian Packing Company's site on the corner of Telegraph and Store streets. The city engineer will report.

Thomas Preese, superintendent of the waterworks department, asked for an increase of salary to \$175 a month in accordance with corresponding salaries paid in Vancouver and New Westminster. The letter will go to the estimates committee.

It was decided to call for a tender for an automobile costing \$2,700 for use to and fro to Sooke lake in connection with the new waterworks, on the recommendation of Water Commissioner Raymur.

The purchasing agent wrote saying he had purchased lots 27 and 28, of block 13, Fernwood estate, for the new fire hall station in the east end, at the junction of Duchess street, facing Fell street. The cost was \$2,500.

A protest from the Mount Tolmie Sand & Gravel Company about the rejection of their tender was read, and considered. On the motion of Ald. Stewart it was decided to adhere to the tender already accepted.

A number of tenders for motor fire apparatus, dump carts, harness, hauling of sand and gravel to Smith's Hill reservoir, second grade sewer pipe and hoses were opened and referred to various committees.

SIBERIA TO BE CANADA'S RIVAL

Russian Hinterland Will Become World's Great Wheat Producer

Canada is likely to have a rival in the near future. While we have been concentrating upon our own country and endeavoring to develop her resources, increase her population, and generally speaking, further her development, a rival has been quietly developing in Northern Asia—Siberia is to Asia what Canada is to the North American continent or Russia to Europe. In other words it is destined to be the great wheat growing country of Asia. Russia's recent move in the far east, by which she deprived the Chinese Empire of the vast province of outer Mongolia, not only added 1,000,000 square miles to her territory but brought some 3,000,000 people under the Russian sphere of influence. For the past generation Russia has been quietly and steadily building up a great empire in the far east. Once Siberia was regarded as the land of exile; now it is the land of the emigrant. Once popular imagination pictured it as a vast country teeming with here and there where Russian political offenders toiled their lives away. As a matter of fact, it is a country with rich farming areas waiting only for the coming of the farmer to become fruitful. It is also rich in coal, iron, silver and gold. It has magnificent forests and great navigable rivers. The country has a population of 8,229,000 while the area is 4,817,900 square miles, or under two people to the square mile. Russia in Europe has over 65 people to the square mile, so it is evident that there are vast areas in Siberia unpeopled.

Siberia is destined to be one of the great wheat producing countries of the world. At the present time farming is practically in its infancy yet the country produces 170,000,000 pounds, (a pound avoirdupois 28 1/2 ounces) of cereals a year, while great flocks of sheep are being reared on its prairies or steppes. The development of the farming lands has been retarded through lack of railway accommodation, however this is being remedied and according to the plans of the Russian government, upwards of 475,000 miles will be expended in the near future in building lines of railway through this vast territory. At the present time the only railroad in Siberia is the great trans-Siberian railroad, which runs from Moscow to Vladivostok, a distance of 5,527 miles. This was built at a cost of \$700,000,000, but thousands of miles of branch lines are necessary, if the country is to be opened. In addition to the rich farming lands it is estimated that there are over 500,000,000 acres of the richest forest lands which up to the present time have been untouched. There are also some of the richest gold mines and other mineral deposits found anywhere in the world. The possibilities of developing trade with Siberia are being recognized by British and German business houses. Both governments are establishing consulates at various points throughout Siberia, and are doing everything possible to work up trade between the home lands and this vast new Russian empire growing up in the far east.

As far as Canada is concerned it does not look as if there was much opportunity for trade between this country and Siberia. The two are too nearly alike in climate and resources for the exchange of many commodities. Canada, however, must keep a watchful eye upon her rival. Capital is fickle and unless this country keeps herself to the fore and continues to attract the British investors we may awake some day to find that British capital has commenced to flow to Siberia. We must also continue to develop our trade routes and see to it that proper facilities are made for the handling of our grain and other commodities. With the opening of the Panama Canal, Eastern Siberian wheat may find its way across the Pacific and through the Panama Canal to Great Britain. Canada cannot afford to let her rival overtake her in the

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CANADA'S CANALS.

Canada has expended more than \$100,000,000 to provide ship canals from the Atlantic ocean to the Great Lakes. It is a larger expenditure relative to population or resources than the United States will make at Panama. The costs of maintenance and improvements are relatively larger.

Nevertheless, American vessels are allowed to go toll free through those costly Canadian waterways. The American tonnage through the Welland canal is larger than the Canadian. The tonnage of both countries through the American and Canadian canals at the Soo is larger than that of the Suez and larger than that that will be at Panama. But Canada rejects the policy of tolls or profit tolls where they could be so easily collected. It adopts the policy of making its artificial waterways as free as the high seas. The United States does the same with its canal at the Soo.

Can the United States afford to adopt a Panama canal policy less generous to Canada or to the nations than this Canadian canal policy is to the United States? Protests are being made in the Dominion parliament against preferential tolls for the American ships in the Panama canal. Canada has a right to protest. It has an equal right to ask for a canal without tolls, and this country will perform a world service of greater profit to itself than can be computed in money by adopting the policy of a free canal.—New York World.

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