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## BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIPS WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH GUNS SOON TO FIGHT U-BOATS

### Impression Grew Stronger To-day After Conference Between Wilson, Officials and Democratic Senators; Extra Session of Congress Now Expected

Washington, March 7.—The definite impression that American merchantmen would be armed in the near future gained ground to-day following a conference between President Wilson and administration officials and Democratic Senators.

Washington, March 7.—Some administration officials to-day were urging on President Wilson their view that he may legally arm merchant ships now without waiting for express authority which Congress might give if called in special session. They argued that the old law passed in 1819 forbidding a merchantman to fire on "a public armed vessel of a nation in amity with the United States," would not apply to the present situation.

The President heard these views with keen interest and indicated that he is seeking some legal means of acting promptly, but would prefer approval by Congress.

It appeared quite probable to-day that the United States would not press the issue created by Austria-Hungary's notification that she adheres to Germany's principles of submarine warfare, in as much as the communication has a conciliatory tone and points out that since Austrian submarines operate only in the Adriatic and Mediterranean, the chances of their actually violating American rights are not great.

Extra Session.  
Washington, March 7.—Prospects of an extra session of Congress soon seemed strong to-day. Members of Congress generally now look for an extra session to be called to meet not later than June as a result of hints said to have been thrown out by officials close to the President.

## WILL LAUNCH NEW LOAN NEXT MONDAY

### Department of Finance at Ottawa Ready; the Patriotic Fund

Ottawa, March 7.—Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, stated to-day that everything would be ready for the launching of the third Canadian war loan on Monday next.

A great deal of preliminary work has been necessary on the part of the Department of Finance and the King's Printer. Application forms and copies of the prospectus to the number of 1,500,000 copies will be sent to the 3,500 branch banks throughout Canada and the offices of the assistants to the Receiver-General. The work of financial organization has now been completed by the Minister and the whole Dominion will be thoroughly covered. The prospects for the success of the issue, which will be of a most attractive character, are thought to be excellent.

Patriotic Fund.  
Ottawa, March 7.—Money actually paid in by the Canadian people to the Patriotic Fund passed the \$20,000,000 mark during the month of February. This is an average of nearly \$2 per head for every man, woman and child in the Dominion.  
At the end of February the amount which had been received at headquarters here was \$20,478,577. For February alone the amount acknowledged by the Minister of Finance was \$1,418,519. The amount paid out by the Patriotic Fund up to the end of February was \$15,982,000.

## PLOTS AGAINST INDIA CURBED IN STATES

Washington, March 7.—German plots to foment a revolution in India which date back many years before the European War were said at the State Department to-day to be entirely under control as far as operations in this country are concerned. San Francisco, with Germany and China, was used during the first part of the war as one of the three main bases of operation, but the activities of the person who directed operations there, whose name the Department will not disclose, are stated to have been curbed. A smaller junta at Manila, against which the British Government had protested, also is said to have been broken up.

## WORTHY OF CANADA'S FINEST RECORDS

### North of Ancre Troops Fought Stubbornly Against Great Odds

### HEAVY LOSSES, BUT ENEMY SUFFERED MORE

Montreal, March 7.—"Inquiries from Canada concerning Canadian officers afforded the first hint in London," the Gasette's correspondent there cables, "that Canadian troops had been in an important action on the Ancre front during the latter part of the past week."

"Canadian Headquarters here pressed to have no information beyond the fact that an action had taken place and that the casualties totalled 700. From information gathered in various sources here it appears that one Canadian brigade made an attack with a view to helping the big push, the objective being an important ridge, a landmark for the possession of which the French and Germans had engaged in fierce encounters in the earlier stages of the war.

Just After Dawn.  
"It was just after dawn that four Canadian battalions, representing Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and the Kootenays, made an advance. The attack was initiated as usual by a heavy barrage by Canadian artillery, during which the Germans lay low, but at a certain point a machine gun was put into operation, and this, it seems, was chiefly responsible for a considerable number of the heavy casualties suffered by the Canadians, though a veering wind, which caused trouble with the Canadian gas attack, added to their difficulties.

"But the Germans did not have it all their own way. They suffered heavily from the Canadian's rush. In fact, the German official communication: 'In dealing with the action, merely stated that a strong British attack was repulsed, a statement which the enemy generally employ when he has suffered.

"Only a few of the officers who were engaged in this action have arrived at London hospitals."

Another Description.  
Another dispatch from London says: "It was early in the morning when the first gas wave was sent over by the Canadians and somebody blundered. It caught the German trenches in splendid style, and there seemed to be no movement as the enemy trenches loomed up on the clear morning. About six o'clock the second wave was launched, and the men followed it. From secure places not many yards behind their first lines the Germans poured in a withering fire. Luck was absolutely against the Canadians. They were forced for a minute, then went pell-mell into the attack from little shell holes, where they had managed to establish themselves with machine guns. They poured a withering fire into the German second line, but the Germans had the advantage of being on higher ground.

One by one these little fortresses which the Canadians had established were wiped out to a man. It was more than human endurance could stand, and gradually the Canadians found themselves back in their original jumping-off trench.

Attacked Again.  
The remnants of these five battalions were quite ready to attack again, and they did. Artillery aid came in great strength, and the German first line, which the enemy, for the first time in the history of Canadian raids, had doubly manned in his short energetic triumph, were badly mauled by the Canadian heavy guns. There must have been hundreds who were waiting for the final decision of the bayonet charge. It was a terrible moment. Some of the men managed to hold out for a time. It was a grand sight. Officers rallied the men to hastily consolidated shell holes farther back, but it was impossible and they disappeared, overwhelmed by the sheer weight of numbers of the Germans who poured from their trenches and obliterated them.

"We have played in hard luck many to-day," said a divisional staff officer to-day, "but we never struck such out and out rotten luck before as we had on this occasion."

Wind Veered.  
As soon as the second wave of gas had been launched, and the men were following it up, the wind veered round for a while, hesitated for just ten critical minutes while the gas clouds hung in front of the position the Canadians wanted and were striving to take, and then blow directly back into the Canadian trenches, and over behind. It was still so strong that the Canadians could see it coming back and gas masks, which had been cast aside so that the men might see better how to direct their machine gun fire, had to be quickly readjusted.

Unfortunately the gas caught many men who in the excitement of the attack had lost their masks and there were many heroic deeds done by the

## WHERE GENERAL MAUDE'S FORCES ARE OPERATING



men to have masks, who, with gasping comrades, their mouths and nostrils bound over with handkerchiefs, hanging over their shoulders, regained their own trenches, where respirators and fresh masks were available.

More than one of the men so rescued returned undaunted to the attack. In spite of bad luck, the venture might have been successful if only it had not been given away.

There is another story, that out in that hinterland which was the scene of this bloody battle, there were found by one of the attacking parties eight khaki effigies stuffed with old sandbags—perfect looking bodies which someone had mistaken for patrols, who had spent their lives dearly. There were even two or three dead Germans on the opposite side of the shell holes, for Fritz never seem to respect his dead and counts them as part of his scheme.

In the afternoon there was one decent thing that the German commander allowed. One by one volunteers from the Canadian trenches crept out to bring in the wounded. Many were rescued in this way and the rescuers were never fired upon. Then the Germans signalled that the Canadians could rescue all the wounded they wished—they would not fire. They kept their promise, even allowing the Canadians to bury those dead which it was impossible to bring in.

To-day the lines remain where they were and daily and nightly vigil has been resumed with heavy artillery fire on both sides.

The raid is now an incident and the Canadians are intent on getting back, but they have learned a lesson, even if it was costly one, and that is the ridge which commands the coal mines is one the Germans covet and still are working under shell fire, but it will be no walkover to take it.

"But we will take them when we go after them in proper shape," said an undaunted, wounded officer to-day, and those who know the spirit of the Canadian corps believe they will finish the task.

Convoys of wounded arrived at Charing Cross Station last night containing a large percentage of Canadians, happily mostly with "nightmares" in the shape of bullet wounds. There were over 100 walking cases in one ambulance train. The officers, too, are under the impression that there is a great number of light wounds among those who appear in the Canadian casualty lists, although the totals, according to to-day's information, are growing and may reach the thousand mark.

There are many remarks from wounded officers about the Canadian official communiqué which describes the raid incident as "minor operations."

A medical officer of considerable experience explained that the Canadians went over on that morning raid following the second wave of gas in the following order:  
A Montreal battalion was on the extreme left hand and had the greatest distance to travel. A certain Vancouver Highland battalion came next, with a rather tough machine gun position to capture. A Toronto battalion was next in line, and a certain Southern British Columbia battalion which appears to have suffered the heaviest, next. All were on the right. It was this battalion which encountered the gas blowing back.

Wounded Montreal officers now in London hospitals are very cheerful and consider they got well out of what might have been a bad mess. Lieut. McLennan, at No. 4 London General Hospital, wounded in the left arm, gives the following description of the raid:  
"It was about 6 o'clock when we started from our trenches, and never in my life have I seen such an exhibition of fireworks as the Germans put up. It was almost daylight, but Fritz used every kind of flare over invented. There had one that hopped along the ground like blazing grasshoppers, which must have shown the attacking party clearly. It enabled the German machine guns to make very correct shooting. There were one dropping every few yards. I got hit in the boot with a piece of shrapnel and another piece caught my pocket knife, but we were not really bothered by German artillery. It was nearly all machine gun fire.

"Some of our fellows managed to get into the German trenches, but they were ready for us."

Another Montreal officer who was wounded later was making his way back to what is called the "tunnel," when he came across a German non-commissioned officer who had been taken prisoner and was wandering about. The German boasted to him that the Germans had known all about the projected raid, having captured a Canadian sergeant and another man that night, and that they had reserved on-ugh for a strong counter-attack after the gas had passed. He naively admitted that he was waiting in the hinterland for the counter-attack so that he could be recaptured. The Canadian officer brought him in.

Lieut. MacWhinney, who is posted as dead, was badly wounded when on the final dash for the German trenches. Another officer in his battalion found him with gunshot wounds in the face, neck and ear, and gave him aid, dragging him to the shelter of a shell hole, where stretcher-bearers found him later. Captain Tooker, of the same battalion, may have been taken prisoner. He is posted as missing, but was almost brought back to the Canadian trenches. Lieut. H. E. Johnston found him in a shell hole and got two slightly wounded men and placed him on a trench ladder ready to take back to the Canadian lines. Lieut. Johnston himself was wounded in the arm and leg. He is a cheerful patient in a London hospital. Other officers who have arrived in London hospitals are Lieut. Graves, of Kootenay, Captain Stanley and Lieut. Kippen, Mechin and McCullum.

Wounded Officers.  
Of the officers who were seen at dressing stations, Captain Simpson, Montreal, is seriously wounded by a bullet in the abdomen; Captain Hatch is slightly wounded in the leg; Lieut. Lucie has a slight wound, and Major Lucas, Kootenay, has a slight machine gun wound.

The Canadians, in spite of the reception they got from the German trenches, managed to gather in about 40 prisoners, some of them from reserves, which had been brought up during the early morning. They also brought back two machine guns from the German trenches—"just to show we had been there," said one wounded officer.

Sanguinary Battle.  
London, March 7.—"Wundermore"—What was the greatest of all Canadian raids yet carried out developed on Friday into a sanguinary battle near a ridge north of the Ancre, in which the losses on both sides were extremely heavy. The Canadian losses, according to lists now in the Canadian casualty office, probably reached 900, while, according to the estimates of wounded officers, who have just returned to London, the Germans suffered something like 1,000. One of these officers said: "We kept on killing Hunns, but evidently they were ready for us, and always more came."

The attack commenced with gas, which was released in daylight and reached the enemy front line with perfect precision over distances ranging from 100 to 200 yards. Some of the Canadians managed to gain the enemy's stony point and there they held on for an hour, despite terrific enemy counter-attacks. Finally they had to retire. A certain Highland Battalion was on the right and managed to gain shell holes near the German trench, but having the advantage of the heights, the enemy played a murderous machine gun fire on them. Time after time these men charged through this fire and attempted to take the German first line position where there was better shelter, but few managed to reach the trench and these few were overwhelmed.

Worthy of Records.  
London, March 7.—(By F. A. McKenzie)—Thursday morning's raid north of the Ancre was part of the price of war that Canada must pay. The sympathy of the whole army was gone out to the gallant "iron brigade" which, under circumstances of almost overwhelming difficulty, dug largely to varying winds, unfavorable terrain and fearful mud, fought with a brilliancy worthy of Canada's finest records.

I was with the division in the trenches two nights previously, purposing to go over with a raiding party into the enemy's trenches. This, however, was vetoed finally on grounds which even I was forced to admit were "worthy of records."  
London, March 7.—After attending a meeting of the War Cabinet, Sir Robert Borden, with Sir George Parley, had a conference with Lord Derby, the War Secretary, respecting important matters affecting the Canadian forces. The rest of the day was occupied in visiting hospitals. Sir Robert saw a large number of Canadians and addressed a gathering at each of two hospitals. The men assembled gave a most impressive and inspiring response to Sir Robert's address.

## BRITISH COLUMN IS NEARING BAGDAD; AT LAJJ TWO DAYS AGO

### Fighting Nine Miles Southeast of Ctesiphon on Monday; Thirty-Eight Captured Guns Counted; Turks Forced From Strong Position in Upper Egypt; French Official Report

London, March 7.—British cavalry had advanced to within nine miles of Ctesiphon, on the Tigris front, on Monday afternoon, it was announced officially to-day in the following report:

"On Monday afternoon British cavalry were engaged with the Turkish rearguard at Lajj, nine miles southeast of Ctesiphon, Mesopotamia.

"Owing to the fact that the war material abandoned by the enemy is strewn over 80 miles of the country, it is not yet possible to give an accurate and full list of our captures. The collection of booty and the salvage of guns, etc., which were thrown into the river is being proceeded with and up to the present 38 guns, including those of captured river craft, have been collected exclusive of machine guns and trench mortars."

## JAMES W. GERARD AS WAR SECRETARY

### Message From S. S. Infanta Isabel Suggests Change in Wilson's Cabinet

Aboard Steamship Infanta Isabel, March 6.—Via Cape Race, Nfld., March 7.—In the event of war between the United States and Germany, Ambassador James W. Gerard's friends are prepared to work for his appointment as Secretary of War in President Wilson's cabinet. They believe that Secretary Baker would keep his promise and resign if war should come and they consider Mr. Gerard well equipped as an adviser to the President in Mr. Baker's post.

At the time of the former ambassador's stay in Paris it was suggested by many American residents there that he should succeed Secretary Baker in the event of war. While Mr. Gerard declines to discuss this plan further than to say it depends on his confidence with President Wilson to determine his future status as a public official, it is known that he would accept the post of Secretary of War should the present incumbent resign and the President offer him the appointment.

## SPEEDING UP NAVY BUILDING IN STATES

### Daniels Discussing Matter With Representatives of Shipbuilding Firms

Washington, March 7.—Virtually every shipbuilding company holding navy contracts was represented to-day when Secretary Daniels resumed his conference with the builders, in convention, to speed up navy construction. Each company was prepared to present a detailed account of what was needed in men and money, and also to show just how much additional work could be assigned to each plant in the distribution of new construction.  
Contracts for new ships will embody new provisions that cover the speeding up process. The Government will assume additional expense under the emergency fund for the purpose of more than \$100,000,000 provided by Congress. No effort to invoke authority to take over private plants will be made until it has been established that nationalization of the shipbuilding industry is necessary to avoid delay.

"Elsewhere the night was calm. Adjutant Casale brought down his sixth German aeroplane yesterday. It fell to the ground in the region of Dieppe, in the Department of the Meuse. One of our pilots was attacked near Rumpel and fell within our lines north of Laval, in the Marne."

French Front.  
Paris, March 7.—"Between the Oise and the Aisne, one of our detachments made a surprise attack on German trenches at Queenneviers and brought back 15 prisoners," says an official announcement issued this afternoon.

## BORDEN AT MEETING OF THE WAR CABINET; ALSO AT HOSPITALS

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The British forces now are within less than 30 miles of Baghdad. The town of Lajj, which they reached on Monday, is 28 miles from that city. Since the fall of Kut-el-Amara on February 26 the British forces have advanced about 80 miles.

On account of the nature of the ground between Kut-el-Amara and Ctesiphon, which is but poorly adapted to defensive purposes, it has been predicted by military writers that the Turks would make no serious attempt to halt their retreat until Ctesiphon was reached and that a decisive engagement would come at that point. It was there that the deciding battle in the campaign of 1915 was fought. The British won an initial victory, only to fall back in face of Turkish reinforcements. The siege of Kut-el-Amara and the surrender of Major-General Townshend to the Turks followed.

In Upper Egypt.  
London, March 7.—An official report from Egypt says the Turks have abandoned a strong position in the neighborhood of Sheikh Nurun, west of Shellal.

The text of the report follows: "Turkish forces abandoned in the face of our advancing troops, a very strong position in the neighborhood of Sheikh Nurun, west of Shellal, after having spent two months in the construction of a formidable system of defenses."

Yesterday our aircraft carried out a series of bombing attacks on enemy troops, railway trains, rolling stock and the permanent ways. High explosive bombs were dropped. Much damage was caused to personnel and material."

Shellal is in upper Egypt, on the Nile about 400 miles south of Cairo. There have been no recent reports of fighting in that region, but it would appear that Turks have been engaged in another effort similar to former ones, to incite tribesmen to attempt an uprising, assisted by Turkish officers and what Turkish soldiers the Ottoman Government could spare.

"German troops attempted several surprise attacks northeast of Pilsny, in Bouchof Wood, north of St. Mihiel and near Ammerzwilser. The attacks were checked at once by our curtains of fire and losses were inflicted on the enemy."

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German Claim.  
Berlin, March 7.—An attack was made by French troops last night on German positions at Courriers Wood, on the Verdun front. A War Office announcement issued to-day says the French were repulsed.

## SPECIAL UNITS IN NEW BRUNSWICK FOR MEN TURNED DOWN

St. John, N. B., March 7.—Special military units designed to permit the enlistment of men previously rejected or considered ineligible because of physical or other disabilities are being formed in the Province of New Brunswick.

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ADMIT STRATEGY
WAS VERY AWKWARD

But Berlin Papers Defend Mexican Plot on Military Grounds
Berlin, March 7.—Straggling editorials, in which some earlier judgments are freely revised, constitute the sole references to the German-Mexican incident in the public press to-day.

FURTHER PROGRESS
ON THE ANCRE FRONT

Canadians Penetrated German Line on Front of 2,000 Yards
London, March 7.—The following report was issued by the War Office last night:
"Last night further progress was made by our troops northwest of Arles and north of Puisseux-au-Mont."

JAPANESE VIEWS OF
MR. WILSON'S ACTION

Severance of Relations Between States and Germany Was Welcomed
New York, March 7.—A message just received by mail from Tokio adds details to the brief description sent by cable of how the diplomatic rupture between the United States and Germany was received in Japan.

ANNOUNCEMENT

M. R. A. H. Mitchell, who for many years was a partner of the well-known firm of Challoner & Mitchell, and Mr. J. W. Duncan, who, up to the present, has been a member of the firm of Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Ltd., wish to announce having purchased the Diamond and Jewellery business of Messrs. Shortt, Hill & Duncan, Ltd.

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ALTON PARKER'S MESSAGE TO WILLIAM J. BRYAN
New York, March 7.—Ex-Judge Alton B. Parker has sent this telegram to William Jennings Bryan:
" If you and your friend, Senator LaFollette, and your joint followers and sympathizers, had gone to Heaven three years ago, Germany would not have attempted to drive the United States from the seas or to conspire with other nations to make war on her, for by now we should have been well prepared to defend ourselves, nor would you have had occasion to sneak from Washington upon discovery of the German plot."

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PLOT APPROVED BY REICHSTAG COMMITTEE
Berlin, March 7.—The expected criticism of the Government's German-Mexican project failed to materialize at yesterday's session of the Budget Committee of the Reichstag.

with the United States was approved as being within the legitimate scope of military precautions.
The committee expressed regret at the misfortune which resulted in the interception of Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's note. Responsibility for its loss cannot be fixed until former Ambassador von Bernstorff arrives from the United States.

NO MORE HOMESTEADS FOR ENEMY ALIENS

Ottawa, March 7.—An important order-in-council has been passed which prohibits the granting of homesteads or rights of any kind to any person who was not at the commencement of the present war and who has not since continued to be a British subject or a subject of a country which is an ally of His Majesty in the present war, or who establishes the same to the satisfaction of the Minister of the Interior.

IRISH QUESTION IN IMPERIAL COMMONS

London, March 7.—The prospect that Mr. Lloyd George would take part in to-day's debate in the House of Commons on the Irish question and outline the Government's position toward Ireland aroused deep interest in the proceedings. The debate hinges on a resolution offered by T. P. O'Connor on behalf of the Nationalists.

MORE AMERICANS IN DENMARK FROM GERMANY

Washington, March 7.—Minister Egan, at Copenhagen, cabled the State Department to-day that the following Americans had arrived in Denmark from Germany on the dates specified: March 1, Joseph P. Stoney, wife and three children; March 3, William A. Owen and family; Marie Bauman, F. W. Y. Rinkenberger, Henry E. McGarvey, Joseph E. Johnston King; March 4, Nora E. Jomelle, Lillie Kroeger and John B. Knipfing.

SUSPENDED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 7.—Gerald H. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor, since 1910, has been suspended by Hon. T. W. Crothers. He has left the department. The Minister of Labor when asked the reasons for the suspension replied that he had no statement to make, and he did not care to discuss the matter in any way.

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### BELGIANS ADMINISTER CHANGE OF RULES IN FOOD SUPPLIES SENT AMERICAN SENATE

Work Made Possible by Generosity of Sympathizers Will Go On

Steps Being Taken to Prevent Recurrence of Recent Incident

Washington, March 7.—After a conference at the White House this afternoon Democratic Senators hurried to the Capitol for a conference with Republican leaders to lay before them a plan for a modified clause which the Democrats hope to bring before the Senate to-morrow. The Democrats said they expected prompt action.

President Wilson had a conference early to-day at the White House with Senators Owen, Reed, Walsh, Swanson, James and Hoke Smith, the committee named by the Senate Democratic caucus, and discussed the proposed changes in the Senate's rules which would prevent unlimited debate and filibustering such as killed the armed neutrality bill.

Secretary Lansing was called to the White House to see the President just before the departure of the Senators. Secretary McAdoo attended the conference, which continued for more than an hour.

The Senators agreed that the prospects were good for quick action in the Senate.

Senator Owen said he desired a rule under which the Senate rules could be changed by a majority vote. All of the Senators agreed, however, that they would not haggle over details if a reasonable clause could be agreed upon.

The conference lasted an hour and a half, and all the details of the Senate situation were gone over. The President told the Senators he was anxious for action as promptly as possible. He said the country was deeply aroused over the situation and that a few Senators should not be allowed to interfere with the welfare of the country.

Although Mr. Wilson has been advised that he has the authority to arm ships without waiting action by Congress, some among his advisers believed it would be the better plan to wait to see whether the Senate will act.

After the Democratic Senators left the White House they renewed their conference with the Republican closure committee. Meanwhile the Democratic caucus adjourned after electing Senator Hitchcock as vice-chairman and ex officio member of the steering committee. With Senator Martin as chairman of the committee, the following Senators were named: Williams, James, Reed, Simmons, Smith of Georgia, Walsh, Thomas, Chamberlain, Owen and Robinson. They went to work at once to reorganize the Senate standing committees.

When the Senate met Senator Walsh, of Montana, introduced a resolution to provide for re-adoption of the old Senate rules, with exception of the rule concerning precedence of motions and for the appointment by the Vice-President of a special committee to revise that rule. The committee would consist of four Democrats and three Republicans.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

OTTAWA, March 7.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pte. E. Norry, Leamington, Ont.; Pte. C. Stevens, Windsor, Ont.

Reported killed in action—Pte. J. Maise, England.

Previously reported dangerously ill; now died—Pte. J. Millican, England; Pte. T. Topping, Quebec.

Previously reported missing; now reported missing and believed killed—Sergeant J. C. Macfarlane, Montreal.

Died—Pte. C. N. Holmes, West Africa; Pte. Edward Davis, England; Cpl. Wm. Shields, England; Pte. H. Hubert, L'Orignal, Ont.; Pte. R. Arnold, Hyas, Sask.; Pte. P. Foshre, Quebec; Pte. J. McTaggart, Moren, Ont.; Pte. John Mackay, Mabou, N. S.; Lieut. J. Griffiths, Wales.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Lohr, Vancouver; Pte. W. J. Sewell, Chauvin, Alta.; Pte. J. Duncan, Scotland; Pte. Thomas Alexander, Vancouver; Pte. C. Stewart, Scotland; Pte. A. Thomas, Galt, Ont.; Pte. K. Johanson, Norway; Pte. R. Wannamaker, Moir, Ont.; Lieut. C. Macpherson, Glen Allen, Ont.; Pte. F. Stairs, Burch, Alta.; Lieut. P. H. C. McKeechie, Durban, Ont.; Pte. H. C. McKeechie, Durban, Ont.; Pte. B. Pupuis, Amherst, N. S.

Wounded—Lieut. A. Levy, England; Pte. W. Gardner, Toronto; Pte. N. K. Ferrel, Vancouver; Pte. F. V. Prasse, Vancouver; Pte. Wm. Pomarenko, Russia; Pte. C. S. Baker, Prince George; Lieut. Chas. Stevenson, St. Thomas, Ont.; Pte. H. Van Fleet, Brantford; Pte. R. Conmang, Byar River, Ont.; Pte. C. Miles, Deseronto, Ont.; Pte. W. Whitehead, Ida, Ark.

Reported wounded; remaining on duty—Pte. Wm. Brighton, Hamilton; Lieut. R. J. Hossie, Brandon, Man.; Cpl. S. A. Thomson, Vancouver; Pte. J. A. Grant, Antigonish, N. S.; Pte. S. Stawicki, Georgetown, Ont.

Engineers.

Died—Sapper J. Crawford, Calgary.

Wounded—Lieut. A. M. Robertson, Montreal; Lieut. G. M. Taylor, Ottawa; Sapper W. A. Chisholm, Grafton, Ont.

Reported wounded; returned to duty—Sapper Wm. Thos. Peacock, White Rock, B. C.; Cpl. James Winterbottom, 1288 Monterey Avenue, Victoria, B. C.; Sapper Wm. Forbes, Montreal.

Medical Services.

Dangerously ill—Capt. N. Freeman, Lunenburg, N. S.; Pte. L. Morenz, Dashiwood, Ont.; Nursing Sister C. Ross, St. Catharines, Ont.

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### CHILD KILLED BY VANCOUVER MOTOR CAR

Vancouver, March 7.—While playing in front of his father's house at 5.30 p. m. yesterday, Elmer Bibbes, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bibbes, 833 Keefer Street, was run over by automobile No. 4920 and so badly injured and mangled that he died before reaching the General Hospital, to where he was being rushed in the police ambulance.

The machine struck the lad on his right side, both wheels going over the body. The driver slowed down enough a little farther on to let another man out, then kept on going. Efforts are being made to locate the driver of the car.

### AUSTRALIA WILL HAVE GENERAL ELECTION

London, March 7.—A general election is to be held in Australia, according to the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Melbourne.

Mr. Hughes, the Prime Minister, the correspondent says, announced in the House of Representatives that owing

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### AMERICAN PHYSICIANS WORKING IN GERMANY

Berlin, March 7.—The American physicians' expedition, under the direction of Dr. Edward F. Nippert, of Cincinnati, has returned to its base at Deutsch Eylau, where it will continue its work under the direction of the New York committee. The American physicians' unit operating under the direction of the German-Austrian Aid Society of Chicago has returned to Cransau, in response to instructions from Chicago. The German military authorities were very cordial in their insistence that the American units continue their work and gave a written assurance that the members would be permitted to leave Germany whenever they desired.

The American unit stationed at Naumburg has discontinued its work there after donating its model hospital equipment to the municipality.

### COFFEE FOR BELGIANS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Amsterdam, March 7.—Twenty thousand kilos of coffee belonging to the Belgian Relief Commission were lost in a fire which destroyed a storehouse at Hasselt, according to the Telegram. A quantity of other food-stuffs also was burned.

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NEAR CTESIOPHON.

British cavalry on Monday night were engaging the Turks nine miles southeast of Ctisophon. They thus were within thirty miles of Bagdad, pressing forward on the left bank of the Tigris. We shall know shortly if the enemy proposes to offer resistance on the line on which Townshend suffered defeat in 1915. How favorably the locality is adapted to formidable defence remains to be seen. Beyond the fact that it is nearer the main base it certainly is not comparable in natural strength with the line in front of Kut-el-Amara, which the enemy would find difficult to duplicate anywhere else in Mesopotamia. The battle in which Townshend met his reverse was certainly no fair test. Indeed, it was quite the contrary, for he was beaten because the enemy was able to deploy superior forces in such a way as to threaten the envelopment of the little army opposed to him. In that case any line with plenty of ground for manoeuvring would favor the larger, better equipped and more mobile force. If the Turks fight at Ctisophon again General Maude will find the grade much easier than he found it at Samanyat.

The Turks are bound to make a bitter fight for retention of Bagdad for several reasons. First, its capture by the British would cut off the Moslem troops operating in Persia between one hundred and two hundred miles away. These now are in full retreat towards Mesopotamia. Second, its loss would be a terrible blow to Turkish prestige in the Middle East which might light the fires of revolt all over Arabia. Third, Bagdad figured conspicuously in the Oriental policy of the German Emperor, for the furtherance of which he made this war. The terminus of the Orient railroad, it was to be the main military entrepot for operations against India when the time came to strike at the British Empire. It was Britain's penetration of this scheme some sixteen years ago which aroused the fury and hatred of the Pan-Germans and gave rise to endless negotiations. German pressure, therefore, will prompt the Turk to put up his best fight to maintain his hold on the ancient capital.

It should be borne in mind that the main British force is still a considerable distance from Ctisophon, and if the enemy is preparing for hard fighting there General Maude will not challenge him until he is thoroughly prepared. He will not repeat Townshend's error, for he has ample resources in men and material at his disposal. At the same time he will move as quickly as possible before the spring floods set in and in order, also, to capture Bagdad before the Turks retiring in Persia have had time to reach their goal.

## THE NEXT FRUIT HARVEST.

The Department of Education has received representations from various parts of the province with a view to obtaining the aid of the older school children in harvesting the fruit crop this year. In some districts the labor shortage will be extremely acute, and unless steps are taken to supply the deficiency there will be serious loss not only to the growers but to the country as a whole. It may be necessary, indeed, to turn loose from the schools an army of young harvesters to cope with the emergency. They could not be better employed, even at school, having regard to the critical nature of the times. We shall need every ounce of food that can be produced in this country, and this means that we shall require every ounce of labor available to harvest it. In the United Kingdom, France, Russia and other countries at war the situation has been met with the labor of women,

old men and school children, who have worked wonders. Conditions in Canada cannot become so acute as they are across the Atlantic, but they are going to be sufficiently trying to call for extraordinary efforts on the part of its population. Forewarned should be forearmed in this instance.

## MR. BOWSER'S "CURIOSITY."

We gather from Mr. Bowser's inquiries regarding John T. Scott that the late Premier and Attorney-General fell into a trance on September 14 and did not emerge from it until November 29, when the new Government was sworn in. Scott, it will be remembered, returned to Vancouver and was taken into custody. He appeared before a magistrate and was admitted to very moderate bail. All this took place in the latter part of October. Mr. Bowser was the Attorney-General. On November 2 Scott blithely went to Seattle in the company of several Burns detectives and there made his opera bouffe escape. Mr. Bowser was still Attorney-General.

Newspapers demanded an immediate investigation by the Attorney-General of that time of the circumstances of the man's escape. The Times particularly offered a few pertinent questions. We wanted to know why the Attorney-General's department displayed such singular apathy relative to the movements of a man whom its chief professed to be so anxious to have on hand. But no sign came from the Attorney-General. Apparently he was not interested in Scott after all, or rather he was interested more in having Scott in Seattle than in having him in Vancouver.

A few days ago Mr. Bowser wanted to know what steps the present Attorney-General was taking to fix the responsibility for Scott's escape and whether the parties responsible for it would be prosecuted. Mr. Macdonald's reply was a knock-out, as expected. He stated, quite accurately, that the late Attorney-General was responsible for Scott's escape and breaches of duty of that character were not covered by the Criminal Code. There is nothing to prevent Mr. Bowser appearing before the Royal Commission and explaining the wherefore of his diet of lotus leaves during this melodramatic incident in the closing months of his term. Why did he permit John T. Scott to make his administration of the law ridiculous, anyway? Was Scott implicated in a "blind pig"?

## THE PROFESSOR'S WARNING.

Professor Stephen Leacock, of Montreal, recently uttered the following warning in an address before the Homebodies' League of that city:

"We are in sight of a terrible food famine, such as the world has never seen. We must take steps betimes if we wish to avoid national and worldwide disaster. We must at all costs increase our food supply."

It may be that Professor Leacock is putting too much sombre coloring on his picture, but it would be well, nevertheless, to take no chances. If the outlook is as serious as he says it is—and undoubtedly it is serious—it will not be long before we have a food controller in Canada.

There are illimitable possibilities of food supply in this Dominion. We have enormous areas of fertile land capable of producing anything and everything. We have fish of all kinds off our coasts and in our lakes and rivers. We have the food resources. What we shall need is, their intelligent development and proper distribution. For this we must have organized direction and control which no artificial obstacle can hold up or delay. Combines will have to go no matter how piteously they protest or how many balance sheets they may produce to show that they are not paying dividends on their watered stock.

The Federal Grand Jury which has been investigating the cost of fuel and food in New York has indicted 108 corporations and 27 individuals for arbitrarily fixing in combination the prices of the commodities affected by the inquiry. This is only a preliminary instalment. Similar investigations are being conducted all over the republic, Congress having appropriated a large sum to cover the cost. A dead set is going to be made upon the food rings and not a few avaricious operators will find themselves in jail before very long. Legal processes across the line are invariably complicated and circuitous, but in matters of this kind our neighbors move quickly and drastically. They have to; if they did not the people would take the law into their own hands and do a little ring smashing on their own account.

How quickly is Canada moving in this respect? What steps have been taken to ascertain the extent to which mergers and trade agreements are responsible for the increasing cost of necessities of life? Is there a sugar ring, a flour ring, a meat ring, and if so, are they responsible for the upward flight of prices? This is something for the Federal Government to find out as the American Government is finding it out. It is of no use to

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unload the job upon the municipalities. The city authorities have no resources for investigating the operations of a trust whose ramifications are nation wide.

The Toronto Mail and Empire recently demanded that the Canadian Government deal in a direct way with speculators in foods and declared that the people looked to the Government and to nobody else to remedy the trouble. It asks for instant action, not long-range negotiation. If investigators are put on the job they might start work with a perusal of the annual statements of some of the big products companies. One large flour concern boasted of a more profitable year in 1916 than ever before in its history. It paid fat bonuses to its shareholders. This is no time for super-profits. This is war-time, a time of stress without precedent in the annals of the whole world, a time of sacrifice for everybody.

As we already have remarked, an "overt act" is an elusive thing. But it has been defined and tagged. The mere assassination of American citizens is not an "overt act"—except under certain conditions now specified. If an American ship which is not admitted to be carrying contraband be sunk without warning and the sinking be accompanied with the loss of the lives of United states citizens, that will be an "overt act," for which the power responsible will be held to "strict accountability." In the meantime all American ships upon which the commission of "overt acts" is possible, with the exception of a few operated by men of daring and independence, are tied up at their docks.

President Wilson, we observe, is so well pleased with his inaugural speech on taking the oath of office for a second term that he has decided to have it printed and delivered to all the chancelleries of Europe for their enlightenment. If any of the chancellors can extract inspiration from such glittering generalities they must be men of very subtle minds.

Austria says all armed merchantmen are pirates. The reasoning behind this statement is that all such vessels legally can be sunk by submarines fighting for freedom of the seas. And, according to Washington advices, President Wilson is about to enter upon an exchange of notes on the subject.

The morning paper says one of the Ministers was responsible for an innovation in this part of the world in wearing his hat in the House. Come to think of it, several members some years ago not only wore their hats in the House on occasion but often talked through them.

## WORTHY OF CANADA'S FINEST RECORDS

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reasonable. The position was difficult, for the enemy occupied rising ground, and No Man's Land was muddy and full of shell and mud holes. The Canadians prepared the ground, maintaining a heavy artillery and machine gun fire over the German lines. Two Germans had escaped from a French prison compound on Tuesday and possibly they conveyed a warning. Obviously the enemy had greater opportunities of learning the details of the Canadians' preparations than in other cases when the weather forced no delay.

At Daybreak.  
Early Thursday morning Canadian guns opened a tremendous bombardment, and the advance came at daybreak. It was evident soon that the Germans were carefully prepared and ready. The Canadian troops were met by heavy firing and fierce opposition both in No Man's Land, and when their right wing got into the enemy trenches. The surprising thing is not the fierce opposition, which greeted the Canadians this time, but the fact that so many other raids were conducted with such trivial losses. The Germans evidently are realizing that their earlier policy of placing inferior troops in the front line is dangerous.

The Canadian troops are eager to take toll for Thursday, and will do so.

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## DOES NOT SUPPORT DAYLIGHT SAVING

Saanich Council Does Not Endorse Recommendation to Change Clock

The recommendation of the vacant lot cultivation committee that a daylight saving plan be inaugurated for the spring and summer months did not meet with a favorable reception by the Saanich Council at the meeting yesterday afternoon.

A letter was read from the above mentioned committee suggesting that the Council endorse the recommendation which is to be sent to the Government asking that on Wednesday, March 14th at midnight the clock be put forward one hour and that on Saturday, September 16th, it be turned back to the regular time, in order that a longer period of daylight may be utilized by people for cultivating vacant lots in their spare hours than is practiced at present.

"I do not see," said Councillor Carey, "in what way such a scheme as this will be of any aid in the cultivation of land. Any man who is anxious to work is governed according to daylight and darkness, and the shifting of the clock will not in any way affect what he has to do."

Councillor Tanner also expressed himself of the opinion that if a man wanted to cultivate his lots he would do so without the Government going to the trouble of passing an Act authorizing the changing of the time, and in this sentiment he was supported by Councillor Henderson.

There was, however, one voice which was raised, championing the cause of the daylight saving proposition. Councillor Diggon stated that from the city man's point of view there were great benefits to be derived from the adoption of the plan as outlined. "There is everything to gain and nothing to lose. I feel confident that it would prove a success and enable the city man to spend much more time in cultivating his vacant lots than he can at present."

It was finally carried that the communication be received and filed. The Saanich Inland Company, Limited, and the Brentwood Beach Estate Company had asked on previous occasion that the Brentwood Subdivision be cancelled and a new plan eliminating several dangerous crossings be substituted. The Council yesterday consented to the cancellation of the plan and adopted the new one, with the understanding that the Brentwood Company will grade all the roads when the necessity arises.

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## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 7, 1892.

The party of Tacoma capitalists consisting of L. H. Northey, Senator Drumm, W. B. Allan, P. A. Paulson and B. Carmody, who have been in the city for some weeks past, are negotiating with Mr. W. P. Seward for the purchase of his sawmill at Rock Bay, together with 14,000 acres of timber land on Vancouver and the adjacent islands.

Mr. C. Phillips-Wolley, F.R.C.S., late British Vice-Consul to Southern Russia, will to-morrow evening deliver a lecture at the Victoria Theatre on "Russia and the Russians."

It is expected that tenders will shortly be called for the erection of the drill shed for which the Dominion Government last year voted \$20,000.

## HUMBLE GARBAGE CAN BECOMES VALUABLE

City Cannot Obtain Delivery, and Supply Has Run Out; No Substitute Available

How the war affects the small things of life is shown in the city's difficulty to secure sheet metal for the humble garbage can. The practice of late years, instead of contracting for the delivery of cans complete, has been to have the sheet metal cut to the necessary size, and then the handles and strengthening bars have been placed in position by city workmen. It is the sheet metal which wears out, and as cans have been discarded they are stripped of the fittings, which are used over again.

Now it is almost impossible to find a can for supplying houses in spite of the fact that the empty houses have been searched, and their cans taken away to be cleaned up and put in service elsewhere. The situation is aggravated by the fact that the cans put in service some years ago are rapidly wearing out, and renewals are needed at a time when the metal cannot be obtained. The order placed last year has not been filled, since the sheet metal is not procurable, and the question is exercising the City Engineer's attention to know what substitute to provide.

The fire preventive by-law's enforcement is stopping the use of wooden boxes.

Sheet metal is a material largely depending on imports, and with tonnage problems it is very hard to secure the necessary shipments. Since the initiation of the garbage system, the city has never been so short of cans, and it is unfortunately there is no substitute known which can be utilized.

It looks as if the garbage can will have to be as carefully watched by the zealous housewife as the first crop of succulent green peas, or celery, unless some alternative course can be discovered.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

## MEASLES EPIDEMIC AFFECTED ATTENDANCE

Monthly School Statement is Criterion; Maple Avenue at High School Grounds

Some idea of the extent of measles last month in Victoria may be gathered from the attendance in the public schools, since the health statistics are inadequate in that many parents did not notify the health department nor the schools why their children did not attend. It is assumed that the margin, about 800, between the enrolment, which was 5,151, and 4,353 the average attendance, represents actual cases as well as children who did not attend on account of infection in the family, and those children kept away by anxious parents lest they should catch the contagion.

The figures by schools in February were: High 504, Boys' Central 402, Girls' Central 484, Bank Street 152, Beacon Hill 155, Burnside 211, Cook Street 58, Fernwood 55, George Jay 265, King's Road 65, Kingston 181, Margaret Jenkins 108, North Ward 328, Oaklands 213, Pembroke 14, Quadra 298, Sir James Douglas 457, South Park 347, special 15, Spring Ridge 175, Victoria West 387. The attendance shows an increase of 193 on February, 1916, which was a very stormy month.

Some time ago it was announced that the Women's Canadian Club proposed to plant an avenue of maples at the High School grounds in memory of the Canadian troops who died round Ypres in the series of battles in April, 1915, and this ceremony is set for April 21, the day before the Anniversary Sunday, which it is hoped to promote on April 22.

To discuss the details for the function with the trustees, a deputation from the club has asked for an audience from the monthly meeting of the board on Wednesday next.

The grounds would certainly be greatly improved by any scheme of this character, apart from the memorial to be perpetuated, and there is no doubt the board will co-operate cordially in the scheme.

## RED CROSS WORK

Concert To-night Under James Bay Bay Auspices; Interesting Lecture To-morrow.

The James Bay Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is anticipating a big audience at their concert to-night at the James Bay Methodist Church. Besides the very excellent programme of instrumental and vocal numbers, recitations, etc., there will be an unveiling of the James Bay Methodist Church honor-roll. J. E. Warnicke will act as chairman, and F. W. Jones, Chairman of the Red Cross Society, will address the gathering, pointing out the purpose and aims of the organization and its need for funds.

Announcements are out for an illustrated lecture under the James Bay branch auspices. This is to take place to-morrow night in the ballroom of the Empress Hotel, the subject to be "Our International Playground," an area which includes Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. The lecture will be given by Mr. Herbert Cutbert, and the views will include some beautifully colored photographs which will give a vivid and realistic idea of the matchless beauty of the regions to be described. Some wonderful slides of British Columbia scenery will be shown for the first time. There will be a very attractive programme of music, vocal solos, and dancing. His Worship the Mayor will preside, and a collection on behalf of the James Bay Branch of the Red Cross Society will be taken.

Fairfield Branch. The committee of the Fairfield Branch of the Red Cross will meet to-night at the rooms, May and Linden, at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to attend.

Citizen's Educational League. All are invited to hear Mr. F. J. Stacpool, K. C., to-night at the Victoria Club, at 8.15.

Closing Rooms.—The Elphed Comforts room, 35 Arcade Building, will be closed all day Thursday on account of the annual meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. E., which is taking place on that day.

Bantams at Purfleet.—Mrs. Bruce Powley has received information from her husband, Colonel Bruce Powley, officer commanding the British Columbia Bantam Battalion, to the effect that he and his men are stationed at Purfleet camp. Purfleet is on the Thames about fifteen miles by rail from London.

Warning Victorians.—A prominent Victorian asks the Times to issue a warning against outsiders coming to the city and organizing entertainments and taking part of the proceeds which are to be for charitable or patriotic purposes. It is understood that an attempt is being made to interest the King's Daughters in a proposal of this kind at the present time, and it is to this that particular reference is made.

## School of Bible Instruction

On Wednesday, March 7, at 8 p.m. The first of a series of lectures will be delivered upon "The Divine Plan of the Ages" as revealed in the Bible. These lectures are for the special benefit of those desiring to understand and harmonize the Scriptures. All are cordially invited. The lectures will be delivered in No. 2 Hall, Princess Theatre Building, Yates St. Better Than a Course in a Theological College.

These lectures are under the special direction of Clifford Roberts, Bible expositor, auspices of the Associated Bible Students. Seats are free. No collection is taken.

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### AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA.

H. B. Warner, the popular matinee idol, who has long been famous for his work in Alas Jimmy Valentine, will be the attraction at the Royal Victoria for the last time to-night in the romantic play of love and adventure "A Vagabond Prince." It is a play that is full of action and snap, the photography also being of a high class order. The balance of the programme is made up of a two-reel Keystone comedy entitled, "His Busted Trust," the whole making a one hour and a half very enjoyable entertainment.

DOMINION THEATRE.

The Scarlet Woman, the latest vehicle photoplay in which the gifted and beautiful Russian actress in appearing, provides Madame Olga Petrova with fitting opportunity to display her wonderful emotional powers as an actress. The plot is cunningly conceived and wrought out in a clever manner. It keeps the spectator keenly interested throughout the entire six reels of the picture.

It is a strong and convincing portrayal which this great screen artist gives, and surrounded with magnificent scenic effects and supported by an all round excellent cast. The Scarlet Woman will meet with universal approval. A clever Mutt & Jeff cartoon comedy entitled the Second Episode of the Indestructible Hats, which proves as funny as one could wish, and the ever popular Pathe Gazette constitute a capital entertainment. On Thursday and for the balance of the week Thea Bara will be presented in East Lynde.

COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Irene Fenwick and Owen Moore appear at their best in "A Girl Like That," which is being shown again today for the last time at the Columbia Theatre. This is a comedy-drama in five parts and the theme of the play is highly interesting.

Miss Fenwick portrays the part to which she is assigned with utmost adaptability and charm. As the daughter of a former member of a gang of robbers who is trying to break away from evil influences, she plays the part of a true woman in fine style and proves that love in a woman's heart is a thing that withstands all opposition.

In addition to the main feature the audience is treated to a real funny sketch, entitled "Movie Struck," in which the actors perform some highly entertaining stunts. There are also some good showings from the Topical Budget.

THE VARIETY

Life is built upon realities, not romance! This is the theme of "The Foolish Virgin," an adaptation of Thomas Dixon's novel of the same name, in which Clara Kimball Young makes her second Belnick-Pictures appearance.

The story begins with the depiction of the life of a family in the New York slums. Anthony, a drunkard and bully, brutally mistreats his wife, Nancy, and his young son, Jim, who is nine years old when the tale opens. The wife and boy have but one friend, a neighbor in the tenement, Ella Swanson, who has a fellow-feeling for their sufferings, having been herself the victim of a man's vicious temper. With the aid of this friend Nancy and Jim escape from their persecutor, and the mother, earning her own living, is happy again. Her one hope is to see Jim have a chance to become a better man than his father. There is a strong bond of affection between them, as they try to forget the unhappy past. Then things begin to happen. The picture is being shown all this week at the Variety Theatre.

PANTAGES THEATRE.

Of Margaret Browning, the delightful little artist who is captivating the audiences at the Pantages this week with her playing of the violin, Prof. Louis Perlinger, concert master and assistant conductor of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra, says: "Margaret Browning has been studying with me for some time, and during these past months I have found her to be one of the most brilliantly gifted violin talents I have met with in this country."

The keen musical perception, spontaneous warmth and rhythmic vitality of her playing, supported by an abundance of genuine temperament, are qualities so unusual in one so young that I look forward with confidence to the day when America will have presented to the world another golden laurel in the wreath of art."

Little Miss Browning has been studying but five years, though she disclosed her most unusual talent at an early age as three years. For two seasons she has played in the Greek Theatre of California, and on one occasion repeated a full Kreisler programme. She was heard at the recent exposition in San Francisco by the great bandmaster Sousa, who exclaimed: "True genius."

This remarkable little girl reminded Beatrice Clifford, writing in The Musical Review, most vividly of the little girl Kathleen Parlow, and prophesies a career that shall parallel the one of that idol of the great artist world.

Motor madness. "An Aerial Surprise" is a sensational offering. Four people are included in the act, two of them riding on motorcycles, upon a slender suspended circular track, and the other two hanging beneath the cycles and performing on trapezes while being carried far out over the audience.

Crew Pates and Company joined the Pantages bill yesterday with their big Eastern success, "Soltaire." These big-entertained players come to this house direct from Chicago and bring to the West all the freshness of a high-class comedy sketch that has made a tremendous hit on the big-time circuits of the East, and is presented to Western audiences now for the first time. There are three clever people in the cast, selected for their particular talent for the exact portrayal of their respective parts. This is an especially enjoyable offering.

Mlle. Amoros and Ben Mulvey present a good act of songs, dances and rapid-fire conversation. Both are graceful dancers and Mlle's interpretation of a French soubrette is excellent.

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### LIBERAL WOMEN WILL HOLD MASS MEETING

Premier Will Speak, and Also Mrs. McConkey, Vancouver

A public meeting will be held tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Women's Liberal Association, when the women of the city are invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, North Park Street, commencing at eight o'clock, and a hearty invitation is extended to all those who are soon to be added to the voters of the city.

Hon. H. C. Brewer, Prime Minister, will be the chief speaker of the evening. Mrs. McConkey, B. A., Vancouver, a talented speaker and one of the leaders of the Liberal organization among the women of that city, has also consented to come over to address the women of Victoria.

During the evening there will be a musical programme, to which Mrs. Hudson and Miss Edwards will contribute solos and Misses Starrett and Howard a violin duet.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

J. M. Hemphill, of Eburne, is at the Dominion.

C. Parkyn, of Saskatoon, is stopping at the Dominion.

William Broven, of Ansonia, Conn., is at the Dominion Hotel.

H. A. Robson, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

F. Matson, of Boston, Mass., is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss Estelle Perry, of Alberni, is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

Miss L. Carroll, of Liverpool, England, is staying at the Dominion.

Alex. H. Fraser, of Qualicum Beach, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

G. K. M. Watson, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

John B. Wicat and Abe Vanysroogen, of Port Alberni, are at the Dominion Hotel.

H. Haworth and family, of Ladysmith, are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

H. B. Ryall and Mrs. Ryall, of Duncan, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

F. Looker and Mrs. Looker, of Winnipeg, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Adams, of Vancouver, are registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of Portage, have arrived at the Empress Hotel.

E. E. Gilley, of New Westminster, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, of Toronto, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. Boal and R. C. Hopes, of Saskatoon, are new arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

W. A. St. Clair, Mrs. St. Clair and John St. Clair, of Nanton, Alta., are registered at the Dominion.

P. Taylor and family, of Calgary, are visiting Victoria and making the Dominion Hotel their headquarters.

George Westinghouse, jr., a relative of the famous Pittsburg family, arrived in the city yesterday from California on a tour. This is his first visit to the city.

H. H. Rowley, manager of the Victoria branch of the Union Bank, entertained a number of local business men at the Union Club last evening, in order to meet John Galt, president of the bank; John Robson, chief counsel, both of Winnipeg; and George Wilson, formerly of Toronto, who is to open up the branch in New York City.

### PRODUCE MARKET GROWS

Receipts for February More Than Double Those of February, 1916, Chairman Announces.

There is no question that the City Market is increasing in usefulness, for the advance in the month of February, under adverse conditions of snow

during several market days, is phenomenal.

Alderman Johns, the chairman of the committee, states that the gross receipts last month were \$12,111.15 as compared with \$5,100.75 twelve months ago, thus giving a revenue to the city of \$222 as compared with \$159.90 for the corresponding period of 1916 in the form of rentals.

The increase in business in the produce market has been reflected in the improved condition in the outside market, for renting stalls, etc., which were \$240.95 for the month, as compared with \$162.05 in February, 1916.

This argument strengthens the case for the enlargement of space in the inside market, which is regarded as inevitable in the coming summer, particularly if the increased production scheme works out as hopefully as is expected, creating a demand for an avenue of disposal of the food stuffs raised.

Some material will be removed in connection with the concentration of stores at Garbally yard, but the chief question will be with regard to removal of the city offices on Cormorant Street, in order to throw the market open to direct lighting from the street. It is proposed to put the labor bureau where the present stores offices now is in the old fire hall, but no suggestion has yet been made for the health offices. The ground floor of the old police building is unoccupied, and some arrangement may be made for additional accommodation there, since that is the only part of the City Hall building not in use now.

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Ranks of Government Supporters Contain Thinkers and Speakers

Legislative Press Gallery, March 6.

It was rather a novelty for the older members of the House to-day to find themselves, in the first week of the session, called upon to work until close on six o'clock, but it was a hint of what they will have to expect so long as the Government can supply them with material to go on with.

Three speeches were made on the address, two from the Government side and a third from the Opposition, this being the first word heard from that side except for the seconding of formal resolutions of the House by the Leader of the Opposition. The members for Kamloops, Fernie and Esquimalt spoke, and the debate will be continued tomorrow by Capt. Hayward, independent member for Cowichan.

**Better Debaters.**

Already a fact which has struck the old-timers in the Press Gallery and on the floor of the House is the quality of the men who have come into the new Legislature. Man for man they are far better debaters and speakers, much brighter minds, than those who have been seen or heard in the House for several parliaments past. It may be that the party which kept some good men down, especially in the past six or seven years, but then it is not the sort of excuse that anyone would care to make for himself, that he had so little independence or personality that he calmly lay down under the lash and refrained from expressing himself.

Half a dozen Government supporters have now spoken in this debate, each and every one of them acquitted himself most admirably. All are an addition to the debating force of the House, and it is a cheerful thing to know that they are but six out of thirty supporters of the cabinet who are all equally keen-witted and ready-tongued.

**Well-Informed Men.**

The constituencies are to be congratulated upon the calibre of the men they have elected to the chamber to support and assist the new Government in its task of bringing the Province out of the slough into which maladministration has dragged it, and the Government is to be congratulated upon having such an alert and well-informed body of men behind it on the floor.

Not alone is the manner of address of each one of those who have spoken so far commendable but the matter which he had to say before the House stamps him as an independent thinker along original lines. Each of the six had something to say to the House and he said it well, adding distinctly to the stock of information of those who heard him. There is every hope that the debates during the present Legislature will be worth listening to at all times.

**FRED. W. ANDERSON.**

Fred. W. Anderson (Kamloops) complimented Mr. Speaker on his elevation to the chair, and congratulated the mover and seconder on the able manner in which they had performed their duty. On September 14 last, he remarked, a great upheaval occurred in British Columbia, shaking the Province from end to end, and to be likened only to those earthquakes of an olden time: "When just men were saved and sinners were called to repentance." The result was the placing in power of a business administration under an able leader in the person of the Premier.

**Government Assistance.**

Mr. Anderson, coming from the dry belt of the interior, dealt at some length with what, to his constituents, the important topic of irrigation, and the problems which it raises. He advocated Government assistance in the form of storage reservoirs in the interior districts where organized communities exist in the various watersheds. This was a matter which he would have left to the Minister of Lands.

By federal acts passed in 1912 and 1913 water rights in the dry belt were validated, but these could be cut out by order-in-council and so were placed on a most unstable foundation. The Provincial Government should bring to the attention of the Dominion Government the dire necessity there was for a permanent arrangement regarding water rights, taking them away from being at the whim of order-in-council.

**More Cultivation.**

In Kamloops constituency was the largest area of utilized farm lands in the Province, lying under conditions which varied from precipitation so slight as to require heavy irrigation to abundant rainfall. It had for years been a beef-raising country, but many of the runs had been cut up by settlement. The stockmen, however, had adapted themselves to changed conditions, were cultivating more crops and in future grazing would be to a large extent on cultivated meadows. Only those who had made a close study and

had practical knowledge of the dry belt could appreciate what water meant to that prolific soil. Continuing, Mr. Anderson said:

**Irrigation.**

"We have, sir, a large amount of land already under irrigation, but there still remain large areas which can be brought to a highly productive state by making a water supply available. This necessary work consists mainly in the conservation of fresh waters in storage basins, by damming, and the construction of canals or ditches leading to the lands to be reclaimed. A number of sections of my constituency are actively agitating for a thorough investigation of the prospects of making an irrigation water supply available, and I feel assured that the Department upon which this duty falls will assist the project by thoroughly reporting on the possibility of success in this direction.

**Community Organization.**

"The problems of irrigation are indeed not simple, and it will demand a most efficient service from this Government to overcome all the difficulties in connection with water and water records. I would suggest, sir, that community organization on watersheds be encouraged in every possible way, and that the Government assist by contributing under proper supervision towards the cost of the creation of reservoirs for impounding water by water communities.

"I also consider that in a great number of cases the expense of advertising for a water record could be dispensed with and that advertising should not be necessary in applying for a water record where an organized community exists. There are, indeed, a great many ways in which the administration of water in this province can be improved, but I feel that these details may be safely left in the hands of the Minister of Lands, who fully recognizes the urgency of this question."

**Agriculture.**

Mr. Anderson hoped to see a great development of agriculture under the new minister in charge of that department. To attain this did not require any more subdivision of the department; the buzz of officials was quite loud enough in the land now. What the people wanted was results in fact, and not in the air. (Hear, hear.)

**Tranquillity.**

Speaking of the Tranquillity sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis the member for Kamloops praised the work being done there highly, but he felt that the governments of the province in the past had not given that institution the whole-hearted support it was entitled to. The former Provincial Secretary seemed to devote more of his time to his Colony Farm plan than to the needs of Tranquillity. The honorable gentleman did not think that nationalization of this institution was feasible or advisable. He bespoke for it the active interest of every member.

**Road Work.**

Discussing road work, Mr. Anderson condemned the system which has been in force and called for a change and a general reorganization. As things were now the local member was more of a minister of public works in his riding, and this put him in an accused predicament. Offering suggestions for a remedy the honorable gentleman said:

"This province, sir, requires a complete reorganization in the manner of construction of roads and other public works. At present some road districts are much too large and others correspondingly small. Kamloops district has the largest road mileage of any in the province, and I know that it is absolutely too big a territory for one road superintendent to do justice to. I think it might be possible for the province to be divided into public works districts, which could be handled much more economically, and if it is necessary to disregard the boundaries of the electoral divisions I would say, most certainly disregard them."

"For one, sir, do not want in my tenure of office as a representative, to be eternally pestered with settling road work difficulties and acting as an employment agent. If it is to be so then I say, give me the position of a road foreman in place of that of a representative. (Applause.)"

**Better Method.**

"We require a more efficient manner of making up the estimated annual requirements of each road district. Under the system of the past the road superintendent roughed up the amount he thought would be required, made it as high as possible, put in all the new work and bridges he could think of, all with the understanding that before being voted it would be severely lowered on suspicion of the estimate being far too high.

"In the country districts, especially, the capacity of a member has been judged by the amount of the yearly appropriation for roadwork which the district was voted. I regret, sir, taking up the time of this House on this question, but it seems to be a vitally important one. I have confidence that this Government will inaugurate a new and better system of conducting the public works of this province and thus permit the members of this Legislature to exercise their proper functions in a more efficient manner than when handicapped by a mass of petty details which it is not their duty to assume. (Applause.)"

**Canadian Highway.**

The honorable gentleman touched on the all-Canadian highway and rumors as to the route of the British Columbia section. He did not see how the Government could consider construction of this road at any early date, but in passing he favored the route from Hope to Merritt, Merritt to Kamloops and on to Edmonton, the latter two sections being already built except for thirty miles near Tete Jaune Cache.

The urgent need for developing the iron and steel resources of the province was dwelt on, and Mr. Anderson thought some portion of the Dominion bounty on steel should be spent here so as to encourage the investment of capital. Kamloops, to its other resources, can add minerals important discoveries of gold, zinc, lead and cop-

per ores having been made in the vicinity of Chu-Chus.

**Returned Soldiers.**

In regard to the problem of the returned soldiers W. Anderson said:

"So many suggestions are made on this matter that one hesitates to venture an opinion. Personally I do not believe that practical results can be obtained until the Dominion Government puts the whole question under the guidance of a highly competent organizer, one who has already provided a success on some tremendous undertaking; for instance, some such man as Lord Shaughnessy. He has handled and brought to a most efficient state one of the largest and most successful organizations in the world. The Dominion should provide the funds necessary to carry out this work and consider such money as part of the war debt.

"The problem of the caring for the returned soldiers must be at least partially solved with as little delay as possible. We cannot have one province doing better than another, but the best must be done for every brave man who returns needing assistance. Let the Federal Government procure the services of such a man as I suggest and thus get the matter on a concrete basis, eliminating the tons of ill-considered solutions offered by the numerous incompetent commissions operating all over the country.

**Economy.**

"In concluding I desire, sir, to prime the stand taken by the Premier Minister with regard to the practice of the most rigid economy in the administration of public affairs. The Imperial and Federal Governments have both requested that the Provincial Governments only undertake those expenditures which are absolutely imperative. There will be lots of wailing and gnashing of teeth under this procedure, but we must conserve all our resources in order to gain a successful issue in the titanic struggle going on."

"Numbers of people imagine the Government can do any and all things for them; by the procedure of Governments in the past in this province the people have been made to live in a fool's paradise. It should be, sir, and I believe it is, the great effort of this Government to correct this fallacy and bring the people to realize that the members of the Government are only the elected trustees of the heritage and property of the people, and their duty is to administer the same in a manner only consistent with good business methods." (Cheers.)

**R. H. POOLEY.**

R. H. Pooley (Esquimalt) began his speech on the address by lecturing the mover of the motion on which the debate is proceeding (Mr. Hall), and claiming for the Opposition the credit of the progressive legislation the Government is proposing. He supported anything that could be done for the returned soldier, and suggested that memorials to the fallen should be erected in front of the Legislative Buildings, in Vancouver and all over the province. Another suggestion he had to offer was that a little Union Jack be placed on the seat of Lieut. P. J. Mackenzie (Delta).

Mr. Pooley welcomed Capt. Hayward (Cowichan), who is home on leave to attend to his parliamentary duties, and in this every member joined. Mr. Pooley expressed pleasure that two late members now at the front, Capt. W. W. Foster and Capt. J. G. C. Wood, were in good health.

**Defends Late Government.**

The honorable gentleman essayed to be witty on the subject of the writ, asserted the Agricultural Credits policy to be a Conservative one, and warned the Government against interfering with the late Government's policy of aid to shipping. He found in the war the reason for the failure to construct the C. N. P. and P. G. E. and the financial difficulties besetting the companies. From this he wandered back several years to the Liberal railway policy of 1909 and the map of lines projected by the then leader of the party, now the Minister of Railways, Hon. John Oliver, asserting that the proposal then was for a guarantee of bonds on these lines.

**Wants Proof.**

Mr. Oliver challenged the member for Esquimalt to produce proof of this assertion.

Mr. Pooley said he had it in his desk.

"I would ask the honorable gentleman to produce his proof here and now," the Minister insisted.

Mr. Pooley produced a large map of the province, marked up with variegated lines, but it was far from being the celebrated map used in the campaign of 1909.

"Produce the rest of your asserted proof where I undertook to guarantee bonds for any of these roads," Mr. Oliver continued.

Mr. Pooley replied that there was a key at the bottom of the map showing what lines were to get Dominion subsidies and what provincial aid.

"Again I ask the honorable gentleman to produce his proof that I proposed to guarantee any bonds," said the Minister of Railways.

Mr. Pooley was understood to give his predecessor in the representation of Esquimalt as authority for this.

"I would have thought that after the honorable gentleman and his family had gone up against that gentleman in several campaigns he would have a pretty good estimate of his veracity," the Minister remarked dryly.

**Challenged By Premier.**

The speaker was going on to a criticism of the Premier's vote as member for Alberni in 1910 on the P. G. E. and C. N. P. bills in comparison with his vote in favor of the Kettle Valley bill.

He was at once challenged by the Premier, and asked to explain, in a House which contained so many new members that the aid was very different, being a cash subsidy to the Kettle Valley and not a guarantee of bonds.

"That I am not familiar with," Mr. Pooley confessed.

"If the honorable gentleman will

look at the three acts he will find the answer there," said the Premier.

**Did Not Know.**

Mr. Pooley had no more to say on railways after this, at once sheering off to Songhees Reserve and Johnson Street Bridge, in which connection he accused the City Council of obstructing the late Government in securing a settlement of that matter. In this regard he also confessed himself in ignorance on some points, whereupon the Minister of Lands created much amusement by the remark: "When the honorable gentleman does not know things this is the proper place for him to apply to."

Mr. Pooley assured the member for North Vancouver that the people along the line of the P. G. E. who had to pay \$1 a bag for the carriage of potatoes were not the only sufferers. He had paid 85c for the carriage of a gun the ten miles from Goldstream to Victoria; therefore, he would welcome a general inquiry into all railway rates.

The honorable gentleman urged a registration of liens against motor cars in the books of the provincial police and he asserted that returns of provincial assessors led to the belief that fifty per cent of the cars in the province did not pay taxes.

Mr. Pooley asked the Premier if he was aware that the Deputy Minister of Lands had been suspended, how he squared this with abolition of patronage, how he justified the appointment of a Liberal editor as private secretary to the Minister of Lands, who appointed Andrew Blyth as a Justice of the peace and on whose recommendation was appointed.

On the matter of high prices, such as that asked for potatoes, Mr. Pooley claimed that the Government had nothing to do with this; that it was due to a lack of production.

**ALEX. I. FISHER.**

Alex. I. Fisher (Fernie) began by a reference to what Mr. Bowser had said in Fernie riding as to the dreadful result that would follow the election of a Brewster Government. That fact having come about he would have thought the Leader of the Opposition would have been greatly exercised about the dire results to follow. But all he was interested in apparently was the whereabouts of a certain young fellow named Scott and whether he himself was third-member or fifth member for Vancouver. (Laughter.)

It appeared to worry the Opposition and its leader very much, as they put it, a spirit of independence was abroad in the Liberal party.

"I hope it will stay abroad there," added Mr. Fisher amid cheers, "for it is the only place where it will ever thrive."

**Cracking.**

Taking the illustration, well-known to skaters, of the comparative safety of cracking ice Mr. Fisher remarked that the late government had suffered because the thin ice it skated on did not give a warning by cracking.

"The more the ice cracks in the Liberal party the safer we will be as a party," continued Mr. Fisher. "The more of that and the less cracking of the party whip we have the less likely is there to be any safe-cracking under the present regime."

**Simultaneous Development.**

Mr. Fisher devoted his speech chiefly to a plea for simultaneous development of resources in the mining districts, for instance, to development at once of mining and agriculture. He recalled that in the Kootenay mining had received sole consideration, and that there was an utter lack of cultivation of land. This made it necessary to import produce and tended to enhance prices. The honorable gentleman expressed the opinion that the cessation of work in the mines, nominally due to a strike for higher wages, was in reality due to the prohibitive prices of the necessities of life.

**Regulating Prices.**

"The member for Esquimalt wants to know what the Government has to do with the price of potatoes," Mr. Fisher remarked. "Very unfortunately it has not had to do, but it is just about time to do so." (Cheers.)

The honorable gentleman referred to the keeping of products in cold storage against an enhancement of price, products which, if newspaper statements were accurate, were hoarded there and allowed to rot rather than break the market. This was not due to any lack of production but was a system which ought to be made a criminal act.

**Sugar Combine.**

Sugar was another instance where the evil effect of combines was seen. Mr. Fisher went on to say. Such exploitation of the necessities of life as was seen there ought to be prevented, and he was glad to know that the Attorney-General had the matter of prosecution under consideration. If the Minister had need of any further prima facie evidence he would find it in the following certificate which wholesalers or jobbers had to make monthly to the B. C. Sugar Refinery, Ltd., Vancouver: "In consideration of the discount of— for the month of—on all purchases of sugar—we certify that we have not sold, nor have we permitted any of our travellers or salesmen or agents to sell, nor have any sugars of yours been actually sold at lower prices than the current prices at the refinery as made known from day to day, nor on more liberal terms of credit than thirty days net. We have dealt in sugars of your company's manufacture solely."

Eliminates Competition.

This constituted an absolute elimination of all competition. Mr. Fisher contended. There was the further fact that sugar refined in Vancouver was transported all the way to Winnipeg and sold there at a lower price than in Vancouver. Reading from the price list of the B. C. Sugar Refinery, Ltd., for February 9, 1917, Mr. Fisher quoted the wholesale price on the same grade of sugar as \$2.10 per cwt. in Vancouver and \$2 per cwt. in Winnipeg. ("Shame," said several members.)

"I wonder if the people of this province really know what a throttling combine they have in their midst, and one which is injuriously affecting our natural and indigenous manufactures," Mr. Fisher concluded.

—Mining.

Taking up mining matters, Mr. Fisher hailed, with pleasure the great



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FERTILIZERS.

To the Editor.—Without desiring to enter into a controversy on the subject, I must tell Mr. Dobbie that the Chinese gardeners, according to what I can learn from impartial and disinterested dealers, use, not so much chemical fertilizer as whale guano, which they pronounce, next to horse manure, the best for their purpose. My conclusions regarding the building up of impoverished soils have been arrived at, not from the isolated efforts of English and Hollandish experimenters, who perhaps used special methods, but from the actual experiences and verdicts of farmers and gardeners on Vancouver Island, with which land we are more directly interested now, and these men's verdicts is to the effect that while chemical fertilizers are quick in action, the effects are not nearly so lasting as in the case of animal and vegetable manures. I still maintain, too, that the chemical agents

are too high in cost to be generally used. Four to pound, whale guano is much the more effective and the cheaper.

WALTER B. ANDERSON.  
March 6.

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**CANNERIES TO BE  
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**Big Syndicate Organized to  
Develop Salmon Industry  
on West Coast**

Bellingham, March 7.—Two salmon  
canneries that will cost approximately  
\$100,000 each will be built this spring  
on Vancouver Island by the Lummi  
Bay Packing Company, Ltd., which has  
just been organized by stockholders  
and officials of the Lummi Bay Pack-  
ing Company and Canadians. Thousand-  
s of dollars more will be spent for  
tenders and seine boats. Such is the  
statement made to-day by John E.  
Rice, president of both companies.

Construction will begin at once on a  
two-line plant at Nitinat, on the west  
coast of Vancouver Island, 20 miles  
east of Barclay Sound. The main build-  
ing will be large enough so that sev-  
eral other lines can be installed when-  
ever they may prove desirable. It will  
have a seasonal capacity of from 75,000  
to 100,000 cases.

The company plans to add a cold  
storage plant. In the immediate fu-  
ture a similar cannery will be built not  
far from Nitinat. The exact location has  
not yet been settled.

In addition to these plants the com-  
pany will build five tenders and seine  
boats for the use of the two British  
Columbia canneries.

With the Lummi Island plant and  
the two British Columbia canneries  
operating, the two companies will be  
able to put up about 200,000 cases per  
year, without taking into account fu-  
ture enlargements on Vancouver Is-  
land.

The new concern, a number of  
Canadians are financially interested,  
but a number of its officers are also  
officials in the Lummi Bay Packing  
Company. H. H. Williams, of Chic-  
ago, is treasurer of both, and he ar-  
rived in Bellingham a few days ago  
to assist in closing details connected  
with the erection of the new canneries.

**SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE**

Seattle, March 6.—Arrival: Str Presi-  
dent, San Diego, via San Francisco and  
Victoria, B. C.; Age Gen. Fairchild,  
Anxox, B. C., in tow of tug Kingfisher.  
Sailed: Str Al-Kel, Southwestern  
Alaska; str Laktoch, Southwestern  
Alaska; str Col. E. L. Drake, San Fran-  
cisco; str Umattila, San Pedro,  
via San Francisco; str Tensai-san  
Maru, Bellingham; str President, Ta-  
coma; str Nome City, Tacoma; bge  
Barracouts, Everett, in tow of tug  
Kingfisher.

Vancouver, B. C., March 6.—Arrived:  
Str Cordelia, from Port San Luis; str  
Admiral Schley, from Seattle, via Ta-  
coma.

Port Gambel, March 6.—Arrived: Bk  
Curzon, from Eagle Harbor, in tow  
of tug Wanderer. Sailed: Str St. Fran-  
cisco, in tow of tug Wanderer.

Mukilteo, March 6.—Sailed: Str Gov.  
Forbes for the West Coast, via San  
Francisco.

Tacoma, March 6.—Sailed: Str Ixion,  
for Vancouver, B. C. Arrived: Str  
President and Nome City, from Seattle.

Everett, March 6.—Arrived: Bge  
Barracouts, from Seattle, in tow of  
tug Kingfisher.

Aberdeen, March 6.—Arrived: Str  
Grays Harbor, from San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 6.—Arrived:  
Str El Segundo, from Port Wells; str  
China, from Hongkong; str Adeline  
Smith and Yellowstone, from Seattle;  
str Brandon, from Brandon; str Che-  
halls and Sves, from Grays Harbor;  
str Manoa, from Honolulu; Br str  
Walkawa, from Sydney; str San Juan  
and San Jose, from Balboa; str Ye-  
semite, from Puget Sound. Sailed: Str  
Bee for Puget Sound; Br str  
Eurphatos, for New York; str Colum-  
bia, for Willapa Harbor; str Queen, for  
Seattle; str Acme and Elizabeth, for  
Brandon.

Portland, Ore., March 6.—Arrived: U.  
S. torpedo boat Goldsborough, from  
Bremerton. Sailed: Str Daisy, for San  
Pedro; str Rose City, for San Fran-  
cisco.

**ENEMY SUBJECTS ON CHINA.**  
Dispatches from San Francisco state  
that the China Mail liner China re-  
ached there yesterday from Japan. When  
the China sailed from Yokohama it  
was reported that she carried sixty  
subjects of the Central Powers bound  
for the United States.

**STEEL SHIPBUILDING  
WENT BEGGING HERE**

Commissioner Guthbert Says  
Contracts Could Have Been  
Secured

"Your Commissioner had the oppor-  
tunity of securing for this city, con-  
tracts to build two steel ships of 8,900  
tons each. These contracts were put  
up to various persons and firms in  
this city, and although he had also  
secured a guaranteed delivery of 9,000  
tons of steel at current rates, it was  
impossible to get those firms ap-  
proached to undertake these contracts,  
hence the business went to some of  
our neighboring cities."

People Not Apathetic.  
Although the full annual report of  
the Victoria and Island Development  
Association was not read at the an-  
nual general meeting by common con-  
sent yesterday afternoon, the above  
paragraph in that report—heard in  
committee—was of sufficient interest  
to R. W. Douglas for him to direct an  
inquiry as to the reason those con-  
tracts were not let in this city to the  
benefit of the community. Mr. Dou-  
glas averred that a newspaper had in-  
formed the populace of its apathy to  
the development of the city and dis-  
trict. He was unable to reconcile the  
charge against the people with the  
knowledge that the local shipyards had  
had, according to Commissioner Gut-  
thbert's report, the opportunity of build-  
ing two steel vessels. There was no  
specific reason tendered to the ques-  
tioner as to why Victoria was not  
building those vessels.

Shipping Record.  
The Mayor was unable to get to the  
meeting at its commencement, his ar-  
rival, however, was nevertheless op-  
portunistically timed, since he came with  
a breeze of optimism and talked to  
the meeting thus: "Officials of the  
quarantine station told me this morn-  
ing that last year was the biggest year  
on record for ocean shipping coming  
into this port and that the first two  
months of this year were also the big-  
gest on record." This was in His Wor-  
ship's opinion a very outlook and a  
sign of the times that the city of Vic-  
toria was maintaining her rank.

Losing Trade.  
"One of the important matters that  
this organization must note very care-  
fully," continued the Mayor, "is the  
notable development of the north end  
of the Island. While that expansion is  
more marked than ever it is a mel-  
ancholy fact that Victoria is getting  
less business than ever. Vancouver is  
netting about eighty per cent. of the  
business, which rightly belongs to this  
city and I urge upon this association  
the necessity of endeavoring to get to  
the bottom of the reason for that and  
attempt some method which will turn  
the tables and place the eighty per  
cent. in our favor." His Worship de-  
clared in passing on to the question of  
bringing in industries, that it was only  
natural that the association should  
turn to the quickest realizable asset,  
and that was unquestionably the at-  
traction of the ever-increasing tourist  
traffic to this district.

More Aggression needed.  
A good deal of discussion and much  
plain speaking centred round the ad-  
mission that industries, which seemed  
almost sure of location here, as soon  
as matters began to assume a practi-  
cal shape, became lost hopes. "If  
there are specific reasons why in-  
dustries do not settle themselves here  
let us find out what those reasons  
are," exclaimed His Worship, "since  
the discovery of the cause would simplify  
its removal. I have come to the con-  
clusion that Victoria is not aggressive  
enough. We set enthusiastic about  
this or that and then, when the outlook  
dulls we are too apt to cool off."  
The Mayor was of the opinion that if  
persistence had been maintained in  
the efforts to get the Dry Dock at  
Esquimalt the work could either have  
been completed by this time or at least  
have been well under way. He laid  
stress on the need, in season and out  
of season, to keep hammering away,  
the only method of getting anything  
worth having.

Costless Heritage.  
Alderman Andros was a little dubious  
on the subject of industries but would  
throw his whole weight in favor of  
getting bands in the park, the trim-  
ing up of the grass and the hedges and  
as he termed it "make full use of the  
divine gifts which were without cost"  
and make this a real summer and  
winter resort. Mr. Guthbert believed  
that a time had arrived for the forma-  
tion of a committee composed of the  
heavily interested men of the city for  
the express plan of creating a policy  
of industrial development. He used  
the term heavily interested because it  
was to their lasting advantage to en-  
courage the advent of new industry to  
protect their investments.

Alleged Location Hindrances.  
Difficulties concerning location were  
tentatively advanced as a factor likely  
to prevent the establishment of in-  
dustries here. J. C. Penderly replied  
that he found it necessary in his  
business to purchase a good deal of  
material from England and other  
places at considerable distances, but  
found himself at no disadvantage in  
consequence.

**EXPANSION'S LONG TRIP.**

Comment is being made in coast  
shipping circles over the lengthy pas-  
sage of the American schooner Expan-  
sion, now 135 days out from Port Pirie  
via the Gilbert Islands for San Fran-  
cisco. The vessel should have made  
the run in little over half the time that  
has elapsed but her owners have learn-  
ed nothing regarding her movements.  
The Expansion is well-known in  
these waters, having loaded lumber on  
various occasions at Hastings Mills.

**WILL AGAIN PLY IN WEST COAST SERVICE**



C. P. R. STEAMER PRINCESS MAQUINNA

**WHITE OFFICERS ARE  
DISMISSED BY N. Y. K.**

Only Two Foreign Captains  
Retained in Japanese Eu-  
ropean Service

In pursuance of the policy of the  
Japanese government, the Nippon  
Yusen Kaisha has been gradually dis-  
missing its foreign officers. Since the  
outbreak of the war the government  
has advised the management of the  
N. Y. K. to dispense with the services  
of foreign officers on the ground that  
it was dangerous to allow them to re-  
main aboard the company's liners. The  
outcome of this was that almost all  
of the foreign officers were placed on  
the reserve list early in the war.

At the beginning of last month the  
company decided to dismiss all the  
foreign officers with the exception of  
two, who were subsequently notified to  
that effect. These are Capt. F. E. Cope,  
of the liner Kitano Maru, and Capt. H.  
F. Somers (Dane), of the liner Hi-  
pano Maru, who will be allowed to re-  
main, as the company has obtained special permission re-  
garding them from the Japanese au-  
thorities. The captains dismissed are:  
N. Nielsen and A. Mocker (Germans);  
F. L. Sombers (Dane); C. H. Butler,  
J. P. Clarke, A. E. Moses and John  
Walker (British); J. Stark and W.  
Kerr (chief engineers, Americans).  
They will be allowed full pay for six  
months and half pay for another six  
months.

The company employed upwards of 40  
foreign officers years ago, all the for-  
eign services being monopolized by  
them. Since that time, however, vast  
strides have been made in Japanese  
maritime circles and many able Japa-  
nese officers have been trained. In 1910  
the Japanese government issued regu-  
lations against the employment of for-  
eign officers on board subsidized liners,  
one of the objects of the subsidies  
being to assist Japanese seamen. How-  
ever, the N. Y. K. has been using for-  
eigners for its European liners, with  
the special approval of the authorities.  
In 1914 the Japanese government promul-  
gated new regulations, ordering that  
the crews of subsidized liners should  
consist of Japanese exclusively. The  
N. Y. K., therefore, was compelled to  
place its foreign officers on the reserve  
list and finally dismiss them from the  
service.

**REPAIR CONTRACTS  
HANDLED BY YARROWS**

Repair contracts, handled by Yar-  
rows, Ltd., during the month ending  
February 27, were as follows: The oil  
tanker El Lobo was drydocked, cleaned  
and painted and generally overhauled.  
The Norwegian steamer Strinda was  
hauled out in drydock for general  
overhaul. The barquentine Puako was  
docked on the marine railway for  
cleaning and painting, the installa-  
tion of a new donkey boiler and hull  
repairs.

The Government dredge Mudrak  
was docked and given a general over-  
haul. Hull repairs were made to the  
Union steamer Cheskanis. New cast  
iron propellers were made for the  
steamer Gray and the steamer  
Cleodair. "Considerable progress" was  
also made in the construction of the  
stern-wheeler.

**TO BE OIL BURNERS**

Transatlantic Liners: Finland and  
Kronland to Be Converted.

The liners Finland and Kronland,  
of the International Mercantile Marine  
Co., are to be converted into oil burn-  
ers. These vessels were formerly oper-  
ated in the passenger trade between  
New York and San Francisco via the Pan-  
ama Canal, but following the big slide  
in Galliard Cut in September, 1915,  
they were taken off the route and put  
in the transatlantic trade.

**WEST COAST NEEDS  
ARE RECOGNIZED**

C. P. R. Will Again Operate  
Steamer Princess Maquinna  
on Island Route

**DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS  
SHIPPING FACILITIES**

Residents of the West Coast and  
those having business interests be-  
tween Barkley Sound and Quatsino  
Sound will learn with the greatest  
satisfaction that the C. P. R. has again  
decided to place the steamer Princess  
Maquinna on that route. The pleas-  
ing announcement was made this  
morning by Capt. J. W. Troup, man-  
ager of the B. C. Coast Service, that  
the Princess Maquinna will be put on  
the West Coast run out of Victoria  
commencing June 1 next, and from  
that date will be operated on regular  
schedule throughout the summer  
months.

Influenced by Development.  
The company has been influenced in  
its decision to give better transporta-  
tion facilities by the rapid industrial  
and mining development that is taking  
place along the West Coast of Van-  
couver Island. All along the coast  
there are increasing signs of pros-  
perity.

New canning plants have and are  
being opened up at various points,  
mines are being developed, and the  
pulp industry is also making vast  
strides along this section of the coast.  
Large quantities of ore are now being  
shipped from the properties on Sydney  
Inlet, of which John Silverman is the  
head, and the pulp manufacturing  
plant for the Whalen interests on  
Quatsino Sound is well under way.  
The little steamer Tees has manfully  
endeavored to cope with the increas-  
ing business, and when it was seen  
that she was unable to handle the  
freight offering, the freight steamer  
Princess Ena was pressed into the  
West Coast service to assist her.

The Princess Maquinna will fill in  
a long-felt want on the Vancouver  
Island run. She was designed and  
built especially for the West Coast  
service and for a time was operated  
between here and Holberg touching at  
all way ports. Subsequently the com-  
pany decided that the business did not  
arrant the operation of a vessel of  
this class, and the Maquinna was with-  
drawn and put on another route, the  
Tees taking over her original itinerary.

**FROM GENOA BAY**

Barquentine Puako Expected to Make  
Royal Roads This Evening.

The American barquentine Puako,  
Capt. Petersen, is due to arrive in the  
Royal Roads this evening from Genoa  
Bay to take on supplies preparatory to  
clearing for South Africa. The vessel  
is laden with about 1,500,000 feet of  
lumber consigned to Cape Town. Her  
crew is being brought over from the  
American side and it is expected that  
she will get away to sea at the be-  
ginning of next week.

**FOR ALASKA ROUTE.**

Agents for the Border Line Trans-  
portation Company announce that the  
steamer Despatch, which for the past  
three months has been running be-  
tween Portland and San Francisco, is re-  
turning to the Southeastern Alaska trade,  
sailing from Seattle Saturday night.  
The vessel has been overhauled and is  
now in fine condition for the Alaska  
freight and passenger service.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Canadian Pacific Railway**

**B. C. COAST SERVICE**  
VANCOUVER, daily at 2 and 11:45 p.m.  
SEATTLE, daily at 4:30 p.m.

ALASKA, from Victoria, March 12, 23, at 11 p.m.  
FRINCE RUPERT and ANYOX (Granby Bay) from Vancouver  
every Wednesday at 11 p.m.  
OCEAN FALLS and SWANSON BAY, from Vancouver every  
Thursday at 11 p.m.  
HOLBERG and way ports, from Victoria, March 20, at 11 p.m.  
CLAYQUOT and way ports, 11 p.m. March 10.  
UNION BAY and COMOX, from Victoria, every Tuesday at mid-  
night; from Vancouver, every Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a.m.  
POWELL RIVER, UNION BAY and COMOX, from Vancouver,  
every Saturday at 11:45 p.m.

Full particulars, rates and reservations from  
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Phone 174

**GETS ALONGSIDE DIX**

Snohomish Made Fast Run to Assist  
Disabled American Transport.

The United States transport Dix, re-  
ported in distress last night off Cape  
Flattery, has been picked up by the  
lifeguard tug Snohomish and is ex-  
pected back on the Sound to-day.  
Aboard the Dix is a 14-inch rifle of a  
type which are to be found on the  
largest warships of the American navy.  
The weapon was destined for the Phil-  
ippines.  
The Dix sailed from Seattle on Sat-  
urday for Honolulu and Manila.

**TWO LINERS ARE DUE**

Awa Expected on Friday is Closely  
Followed by Inaba From Kobe.

Closely following the Awa Maru,  
which is expected here on Friday, the  
liner Inaba Maru, also of the N. Y. K.  
fleet, reports that she will make port  
from Kobe and Yokohama on Sunday  
morning. The Inaba Maru carried 24  
saloon and 55 steerage passengers and  
her local freight amounts to 587 tons.

**STILL HAS TROUBLES.**

The American auxiliary schooner  
Marie appears to be unable to shake  
the hoodoo that has dogged her move-  
ments recently.  
The main boom carried away while  
she was sailing up the Straits laden  
with a consignment of ore from San  
Francisco for Beaufort. On her previous  
trip, when she was bound to Nanaimo  
for a cargo of coal, the Marie experi-  
enced considerable trouble with her  
auxiliary engines, and was forced to  
seek shelter on no less than three oc-  
casions between here and the coal port  
to effect repairs.

**MEDICAL BOARDS AND  
RETURNED SOLDIERS**

Treatment Criticized at Meet-  
ing Last Night; Tommy  
as Good as His Brother

At the conclusion of the address of  
Major Buchanan at the rooms of the  
Returned Soldiers' Association last  
night, President J. E. Tait drew the in-  
spector's attention to a grievance of  
the association with regard to the  
local and other medical boards. Mr.  
Tait said that the returned soldier ap-  
pearing before the board did not get  
the respect to which he was entitled.  
"They treat you as if you were play-  
ing sick for the purpose of escaping a  
parade," said he, "and rub it in from  
the start." Mr. Tait pointed out that  
the returned soldier should be recog-  
nized as being quite as good as his  
brother; that being the case there was  
no earthly need to subject him to any  
other kind of treatment. The view of  
the president was concurred in by the  
members.

In reply to this question Major Bu-  
chanan explained that he was not in a  
position to make any observations  
thereon but suggested to them that  
the proper way to secure redress from  
wrongs, real or fancied, of any de-  
scription was to make the necessary  
representations to the proper authori-  
ties. He explained that it was natu-  
rally to the advantage of the Pensions  
Board to have all its pensioners satis-  
fied in every single particular, to that  
end he, in company with the large  
staff of returned soldiers who were em-  
ployed at the head office in Ottawa,  
were working.

**S. S. ROMA REACHED  
LISBON FROM STATES**

New York, March 7.—The Fabre Line  
steamship Roma (French), which sail-  
ed from here on February 18 with 71  
passengers, arrived safely at Lisbon on  
March 1, the time announced to-day.  
The Norwegian-American liner  
steamship Bergenfjord, which left  
Bergen, Norway, February 24 in bal-  
last, arrived at Halifax Sunday morn-  
ing, according to advices received here  
to-day by agents of the line. The  
Bergenfjord is the first west-bound  
steamship to call at the Canadian port  
for examination.  
The Swedish-American liner Stock-  
holm, which left here February 15 with  
cargo and passengers for Gothenburg,  
is still at Halifax.

**NEW EXPORT RECORD.**

Philadelphia, March 7.—All export  
records at this port were broken in  
February with shipments valued at  
\$37,000,000, according to a report of  
the commissioners of navigation pub-  
lished to-day.

**DAY STEAMER TO  
SEATTLE**

**THE  
S.S. "Sol Duc"**

Leaves C. P. R. wharf daily ex-  
cept Sunday at 11:30 a. m. for Port  
Angeles, Dungeness, Port Wil-  
liams, Port Townsend and Seattle,  
arriving Seattle 4:30 p. m. Return-  
ing leaves Seattle daily except  
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bell River, Alert Bay, Port Har-  
bour, Port Townsend and Seattle,  
arriving Seattle 4:30 p. m. Return-  
ing leaves Seattle daily except  
Sundays at midnight arriving  
Victoria 2:30 a. m.

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March 12, 4 p. m., S.S. Admiral  
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St.

**IS IN FIELD FOR  
THE NOMINATION**

Alderman D. B. Johnstone, of Kam-  
loops, confirmed the report to the  
Times to-day, during a visit to the  
city, that he is in the field for the  
Liberal nomination for the federal rid-  
ing of Cariboo at the next general  
election.

Mr. Johnstone will have opposition  
in the nominating convention, to be  
held in May to find a successor to  
Joseph Martin, M. P., who is return-  
ing to his seat in the British House of  
Commons. He has been an ardent  
worker for the Liberals in the riding,  
which comprises five provincial elec-  
toral divisions, and covers a tremen-  
dous area of the northern portion  
of the province, so that chance for his  
choice is regarded as a good one.

Mr. Johnstone speaks very hopefully  
of the prospects of the Kamloops dis-  
trict in the coming season, from a  
mining, lumbering and agricultural  
standpoint.

In connection with mining, the de-  
velopment of the mines in the North  
Thompson Valley represents a great  
deal to the inland capital, and to  
obtain the best advantage from that  
connection, the Canadian Northern  
Railway must be brought into closer  
contact with Kamloops. At present  
the railway misses the city proper, but  
it is now stated to be the intention, as  
part of the line into the Okanagan,  
to cross the river and enter Kamloops,  
so that direct access will be given to  
the hinterland served by the line, north of  
the city. Gold-copper claims are al-  
ready being worked in the valley, and  
a valuable deposit of coal is known to  
exist which can later be tapped, reduc-  
ing fuel cost to the citizens.

Lumbering is active east of the city,  
the market being found on the prairies,  
while south of Kamloops is the Douglas  
Lake cattle country. Some satisfactory  
results with mixed farming are re-  
ported, and with improved irrigation  
facilities, a great future lies before this  
section.

In connection with irrigation Mr.  
Johnstone states that the interior dis-  
tricts are looking for state organiza-  
tions, in order that the best results may  
be obtained.



SECRETARY'S REPORT ON CHILDREN'S AID

Record of Work Done During Year; Interesting Comparisons

In view of the interest taken in the work of the Children's Aid Society and especially in the Detention Home, the following report of the secretary will give an idea of the work done by that institution during the past year:

"In outlining the work of the Victoria Children's Aid Society during the past year of eight months, I wish to emphasize the fact that it is only an outline of the work accomplished.

"The details of each case can only be discussed in committee—they cannot be published. They hold too many mistakes of parents, better forgotten; too many sorrows, better buried. The great pity of it all is that it has meant neglect and suffering for the children of our city.

"This cry of the children appeals to the hearts of all true men and women, and claims the assistance of our society, and may I add—it has never claimed it in vain.

"Indignation of the part of the parents may sometimes meet our workers on their visits, but invariably the result is co-operation by the parents, and a willingness to receive assistance and advice. Only once has this been withheld, and the law had to be enforced without it. Visits involving 70 children have been made since last May. The careful investigation and visiting of each case reported is of inestimable value. The results of advising and suggesting changes in the condition and treatment of children, have proved the importance and the success of these methods of work.

"There are, however, some mothers whose habits are such, that in the interests and for the protection of the children, it has been necessary to remove them from their home environment, and place them in one of the city homes.

"This is usually—although not always—done by order of the court. In some cases it is deemed expedient that the parents retain their responsibility of parenthood.

"During the past eight months ten boys were before the Juvenile Court, all of whom were allowed out on suspended sentence. Three of these had entered a vacant house to play and were accused of damaging it; this was not proven, and they were dismissed with a caution by the magistrate. Two boys had taken bicycles which were left outside of buildings; but as this was their first offence, and they returned the bicycles, they were allowed out on suspended sentence. Four small boys were before the court for breaking windows; they paid damages, were cautioned by the magistrate and allowed out on suspended sentence. Another small boy was accused of stealing money. He confessed to the theft and restored the money. His previous conduct having been excellent he, too, was allowed out on suspended sentence.

"Application was made to our society by the parents of twelve children to assist them, either in controlling or caring for their children. These cases were investigated and the children placed in one of our homes. Before leaving for the front several of the soldiers asked our society to look after their boys, as either they had no mother, or else the mother was unable to control and look after the boys. By helping in this way our society has been able to 'do its bit' for the Empire and the men at the front. We are also glad to be able to report that 18 of the boys who have been in our Home enlisted and have gone to the front, or are in the navy. Of these—two regret to have learned—two have given their lives for their country.

"During the year the society had under its care 40 children—16 boys and 24 girls.

"Of this number 18 were wards of the society, four were deserted by both parent, four had no father and were deserted by their mother, two were sent by the magistrate for discipline and four are at Naamno.

"Owing to the recent criticism on the extravagance and mismanagement of the society, I would like to compare the cost of the work of this society with the cost of the Day Nursery, the Protestant Orphanage and the Home for Aged Men during the last 12 months, all the institutions being of a public nature.

"Before making this comparison, may I point out that in our work it is necessary to have an outside officer, who investigates the cases of neglected, dependent and cruelly treated children, and who also does the work of the Juvenile Court. In none of the

other institutions is this officer necessary.

"The cost of the Children's Aid and Juvenile Court work for the past 12 months is based upon the report given to the Aldermen by our late treasurer. He states as follows:

City grant	\$1,000.00
Subscriptions and collections	1,800.00
Average indebtedness for 1916 (unpaid)	300.00
Total	\$3,100.00

Comparison.

Protestant Orphanage—Maintenance, salaries, taxes or rent, stationery, printing, postage and per cent. paid for collections, etc.	\$7,800.00
Number of children cared for, 51	
Total cost per month for each child	15.29

Day Nursery—Maintenance, salaries, rent, etc. \$3,600.00 |

Number of children cared for, 18

Total cost per month for each child 14.66 |

Children's Aid Society—Maintenance, salaries, rent, office, court work and per cent. paid for collections, etc., including deficit for 1916-1917 \$6,200.00 |

Number of children cared for, 38

Total cost per month for each child 14.29 |

Home for Aged Men—Maintenance, salaries, taxes, etc.	\$1,516.37
Number of men cared for, 50	
Total cost per month for each man	19.80

"Considering our work takes up both the Children's Aid and the Juvenile Court; the cost compares very favorably with these other institutions, and with similar work in neighboring cities.

"A large number of children can be kept at a smaller cost per child; the number does not materially affect the cost of water, heating, lighting, rent or salaries, but simply the actual cost of food consumed.

"We cannot close the report of the year without expressing the deep regret of our committee in losing our valued president, Mr. Charles Hayward, who for 14 years has been in charge of the work and whose keen interest, wise counsel and faithfulness has made him invaluable to us. We deeply regret his retirement.

"As we face another year we realize that the work will be greatly increased. Already fifteen (15) cases have been submitted for consideration.

"A new feature with which we must cope is the necessity of caring for the children of the men who are departing our Empire—children who are suffering during their fathers' absence through the habits of those who are placed in charge of them. This need is one to which we cannot close our eyes, and one to which we must reach out helping hands.

"MARIA GRANT, Secretary."

"The WEATHER Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 7—5 a. m.—The barometer is comparatively low on the coast and unsettled, mild weather is general southward to California, with fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds on the coast and Straits of Fuca and Georgia. The weather is mild in Kootenay and moderately cold in Cariboo and the Prairie Provinces.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Thursday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, fresh to strong on the Gulf, unsettled and mild with rain.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.85; temperature, maximum yesterday, 48; minimum, 28; wind, 8 miles S. E.; cloudy. Vancouver—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 26; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .05; raining. Nanaimo (Coastal Island)—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 30; wind, 24 miles E.; rain, .04; raining. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 42; minimum, 24; calm; fair. Barkerville—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 30; minimum, 19; calm; fair. Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.73; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles S. E.; cloudy. Tatsooski—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 20 miles N. E.; fair, .2; raining. Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .04; raining. Seattle—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles S. W.; raining. San Francisco—Barometer, 30.24; temperature, maximum yesterday, 62; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles N. S.; cloudy.

Temperature. Max. Min. Grand Forks 39 .. 29 .. Pentleton 47 .. 37 .. Cranbrook 36 .. 26 .. Nelson 43 .. 33 .. Prince George 46 .. 36 .. Calgary 39 .. 29 .. Edmonton 39 .. 29 .. Qu'Appelle 30 .. 20 .. Winnipeg 28 .. 18 .. Toronto 29 .. 19 .. Ottawa 22 .. 12 .. Montreal 22 .. 12 .. St. John 26 .. 16 .. Halifax 22 .. 12 ..

Victoria Daily Weather. Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m. Tuesday.

Temperature. Highest 40 .. Lowest 28 .. Average 32 .. Minimum on grass 24 .. Bright sunshine, 4 hours 48 minutes. General state of weather, fair.

The Hague, which is already putting in a bid to be the scene of the Peace Congress (when it sits), is traditionally associated with diplomacy, and President declared it was suited by nature as a rendezvous. Already three centuries ago James Howell, the letter-writing traveller, found nothing so wonderful in it as a monster "waggon or engine on wheels" which carried 20 people, and went by the wind (when there was any to fill its sails) at 15 miles an hour on the hard sands. And this was an invention to entertain Spanish when he came to The Hague to treat of the truce of 1612—London Chronicle.

Closing Out— Absolutely

Every Pair of Shoes in This Immense Stock Has Been Price-Cut to an Absolute Minimum. This is, in Fact, the Final Drive of the GREATEST SHOE SALE Ever Held in Victoria

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We realize that there is but one force which will move this stock, and move it quickly. That is, high-grade merchandise at rock-bottom prices. We are offering that. We are offering new Spring Footwear as soon as it arrives AT ACTUAL COST. We are offering a stock bought before recent market advances AT LESS THAN WHOLESALE PRICES. Can you afford to "pass up" this wonderful money-saving opportunity?

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LADIES' BOOTS

Suitable for women or growing girls. Button or lacing styles, in strong gun-metal calfskin, medium or low heels. Closing-out Sale

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LADIES' HIGH-TOP BOOTS

Patent Boots, with white buck top, made in new fancy pattern. Half Louis heels, welted sole. Reg. \$7.00. Closing-out Sale

\$5.00

LADIES' LACING BOOTS

Seven-inch Boots, with patent leather vamp and heel boxing. Tops of black cravenette, Cuban heels. Reg. \$6.00. Closing-out Sale

\$4.00

Ladies' "WALK-OVER" BOOTS

Smart 8-inch Lacing Boots, with mahogany calfskin vamp and champagne or white kid top. Goodyear welted. Louis heel. Reg. \$12.00. Closing-out Sale

\$7.75

Ladies' "WALK-OVER" BOOTS

Fine Kid Button or Lacing Boots, with 8-inch top, plain toe, Goodyear welted or turned soles, Louis or high Cuban heels. Reg. at \$8.00. Closing-out Sale

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Smart Pumps, with or without straps; patent leather or dull kid; medium or high heel. Closing-out Sale

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MEN'S BOOTS

Strong Solid Leather Box Calf Bluchers. A hard-wearing comfortable working boot. Closing-out Sale

\$3.50

LADIES' HIGH-TOP BOOTS

Fine Kid, with 4 1/2-inch top, lacing style, Goodyear welted. Half Louis heels. Reg. \$7.00. Closing-out Sale

\$5.50

MEN'S OXFORDS

Button or Lacing Oxfords, black or tan. A splendid selection of lasts to choose from. Reg. \$6.00. Closing-out Sale

\$3.75

BOYS' BOOTS

Strong School Boots, in black or oiled tan. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 1 to 5 1/2, \$3.95. 11 to 13 1/2, \$3.45. 5 to 10 1/2 .. .. .

\$2.95

GIRLS' HIGH-TOP BOOTS

Strong Gun-metal or Box Calf Boots—ideal for a school—in lacing or button styles; sizes 11 to 2. Closing-out Sale

\$3.50

CHILDREN'S BOOTS

Button or Lacing Boots, in tan calf-skin, solid leather soles, extra quality. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2, \$2.95. 5 to 8 .. .. .

\$2.45

CHILDREN'S BOOTS

Lacing or Button Boots, in patent leather with black cravenette tops. Closing-out Sale prices: Sizes 2 1/2 to 5, \$1.50. 5 1/2 to 8 .. .. .

\$1.75

MEN'S BOOTS

Extra Quality Platinum Calfskin Bluchers. Heavy single or double sole. Medium straight "Walk-over" last. Reg. \$8.50. Closing-out Sale

\$6.50

CHILDREN'S BOOTS

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AGENTS WANTED

NEW MONEY-MAKING-MARVELL—Scientific discovery. Kalmotis revolutionizes clothes washing ideas, positively abolishes rubbing, washboards and washing machines; \$1.00 guarantee. Absolutely harmless, women's washboards, territory protection. The Arma Company, 21 Provincial Lane, Montreal, 118.

DANCING

DANCE THE NEW One-Step Waltz and Salsa. Public classes, Thursday evenings from 8 to 11, at Connaught Hall. Private lessons arranged. Mrs. Boyd, teacher. Phone 2511, Campbell.

APARTMENTS

NOIRMANDE APTE. Cook and Pigeard 225. Furnished suits to rent. COLLINGSWOOD Apartments, 1116 Collingswood. Unfurnished, heated 4-room suite with piano. Phone 4111.

BUSINESS CHANCES

FOR SALE—Saw and planing mill, timber limits and donkey engine; retiring from business. F. C. Barker, Happy Valley. FOR SALE AUTOMOBILES. FOR SALE—Ford roadster, brand new body. Snap for cash. Phone 5448, after 5:30 p. m.

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Nine diamond stars of New Westminster formerly classed as amateurs, are going to be welcomed back into the amateur fold this season if the recommendation of the New Westminster branch of the B. C. A. A. U. receives favorable consideration at the hands of the other members of the provincial executive.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE BASKETBALL RESULTS

Two games were played last night in the ladies division of the Sunday School Basketball League. In the Presbyterian Church gymnasium the postmodern game between the Presbyterian B team and the Reformed Episcopal resulted in a win for the latter by 10 points to 2.

DATES FIXED FOR TENNIS AT TACOMA

Important championship tennis tournaments in the Northwest are announced as follows from the headquarters of the United States Lawn Tennis Association: Tacoma, July 20 to August 4, inclusive.

LEIGHTON IS READY TO FIGHT HOOPER

Russ Leighton, the heavyweight champion of His Majesty's British Pacific Fleet, has not hesitated to accept the challenge of Bill Hooper, of H. M. S. Avoca. He states that he is willing to meet the challenger at any time Hooper likes.

BOWLING NEWS

In a Junior League game at the Arcadia Bowling Alley last night the Cameron Company and the Quality Press met. The scores follow: Quality Press—149 149 129 Douglas—130 172 89 Locke—146 167 132 Hood—128 121 149

WISNIPEG VICS WILL DEFEND ALLAN CUP

Winnipeg, March 1.—The Victorias proved their right to defend the Allan Cup against the 11st Battalion, challengers of Port Arthur, here next Wednesday night, by defeating the 22nd team of Winnipeg, 6 to 1, at Winnipeg, and thereby settling the winners of the Manitoba championship as the Victorias won their first game by a 5 to 1 margin on Friday's game 5 to 4. The Bisons had an edge on the soldiers all the way, though goals were hard to get, owing to the fine goalkeeping of Wilson and a hard-checking defence.

SKATING UNION WANTS TO CONTROL HOCKEY

New York, March 7.—The Amateur Union is taking a mail vote on the application of the International Skating Union for permission to assume control of amateur hockey. As now managed, hockey is under no central control, but is governed by various small bodies throughout the country. It is said that giving supreme authority to the International Skating Union will do away with many of the chaotic conditions that now menace the sport.

MEASLES

It is requested that parents or guardians of children in Victoria who notify the City Medical Health Officer of any cases of measles which may occur among those under their care. Children affected with measles shall remain within their homes for sixteen days after the appearance of the rash, during which time a card bearing the word "Measles" shall be placed conspicuously at the front door of dwelling.

TO CONTRACTORS

Tenders for addition to Nurses' Home at the Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital will be received up to 4 p. m. on Thursday, the 8th March, at the office of the undersigned, where drawings and specifications may be seen. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

STOP BREAKING THOSE EMPTY BOTTLES

Best Prices Paid We Will Collect The Returned Soldiers' Bottle Agency MAELE & TOMLINSON Phone 144 1315 Blanshard

WEEKLY HALF-HOLIDAY ACT

Notice is hereby given that every shop within the Municipal District of Saanich shall be closed for the serving of customers not later than 1 o'clock every Wednesday afternoon after February 1, 1917.

NOTICE

Estates of Kate Williams, late of Victoria, B. C., Deceased. All persons having any claims against the Estate of the late Kate Williams, who died intestate on or about the 15th day of August, 1916, are required to send particulars of their claims duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of March, 1917, after which date the Administrator will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he has notice.

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Want Ads.

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18, 61, 63, 64, 65, 117, 125, 207, 208, 215, 262, 283, 322, 323, 369, 1911, 1914, 1969, 7160, 7169, 7305, 7320, 7360, 7375, 7405.

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DIGGONISMS—"There are many who own much of their goodness to economy, they are slow to pay the price of quality." Diggon Printing Co., 706 Yates St. Large packets of extra quality linen finish envelopes this week.

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch of four courses at the Verona Cafe for 25¢? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

CLEARANCE SALE of blouses. Mrs. Horner's, 718 Yates. m7  
OLD LAWN MOWERS made to cut better than new by Wilson's electric machine, 614 Cormorant.

BEFORE SELLING your furniture, livestock or merchandise. Phone 348 or 2924, or write Arthur Hornblow, City Market Auction, and I will call. Distance no object.

FURNITURE at Ferris' second hand store. We also buy or sell on commission. 1419 Douglas. Phone 1873.

BEST CROCHET THREAD, 2 balls, \$1.00. The Victoria Crochet Co., 1118 Douglas St.

GO TO DOMAN'S for your boys' clothing; eastern styles, prevail. Cor. Government and Johnson Streets. m7

WANTED—By young man, room and board in vicinity of Hillside and Blackwood. Box 339, Times. m7

WANTED—Caretaker for First Presbyterian Church. Box 738, Times. m7

REDUCED—20 acres, Colwood, good land, sold for \$7,500, now \$1,500, easy terms. Northwest Real-Estate, Finedale, Yates Street.

GENERAL HELP WANTED—Good home and good wages for right party. H. H. Brown, 1025 Douglas St., Campbell Bldg. m7

TO LET—Furnished, two large house-keeping rooms, 110, 1418 Fernwood Rd. off Fort. m7

NOBBY DANCE to-night, Connaught Hall.

FOR SALE—Six-roomed bungalow, 125 Niagara Street. m7

FAIRALL'S LTD. are noted for their really high-class lingerie also. Always ask for Fairall's. Phone 212.

ESQUIMALT—Finest dry cordwood, any length, \$2.25 half cord. G. L. Walker, Phone 2618.

LOST—Pearl and turquoise crescent brooch, gift of friend, husband, between Bolton Avenue and Queen's. Cor. Gorge car; reward, Phone 3628R. m7

FOR SALE—Motor cycle, H. D. twin, two speed, 1914 model, with back seat, \$150. 810 Douglas Street.

TO RENT—Furnished 8-room modern house, desirable locality, close to park and car; splendid view, moderate rent. Phone 4325Y. m7

WANTED TO RENT—Modern bungalow, 5 or 6 rooms, large lot, with option of purchase; must be reasonable and close in. Box 322, Times. m7

NOBBY DANCE to-night, Connaught Hall.

TO RENT—Furnished bedroom, pleasantly situated. Phone 1910R. m7

WANTED—Drivers and general duty men for the C. A. S. C. This is a mounted corps and one of the best in administrative services. Apply morning at Menzies Street Drill Hall. m7

FORD 5-PASSENGER CAR for sale, in good running order, with nearly new Nobby tread tires. 76 Yates St., City. m7

STRAYED—From Cradcock St., Esquimalt, on March 2nd, brindle and white bulldog; answers to Patch. Phone 4891Y. Reward offered. m7

WANTED—Second hand driving harness of good quality and condition, such price to Box 354, Times. m7

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TO RENT—In private house, bedroom and den, sunny and cheery, in desirable locality. Would suit two gentlemen. All modern conveniences. Reference necessary. Garage. Apply Box 353, Times. m7

WANTED TO RENT—Small furnished house or flat, modern. Convalescent must be reasonable rental. Box 357, Times. m7

GOOD 2-ROOM COTTAGE, pantry, toilet, etc. 1209 Bowker Avenue, Willow, 6 p. m. monthly. Apply 1213 Queen. m7

WANTED—Good Ford touring or roadster; must be snap. Apply 135 View St. m7

THREW AWAY 50¢—Don't throw away a single pair of your old shoes. They're worth \$2 a pair at Stewart's. Buy a pair of new ones from us and we'll buy your old pair and pay you 50¢ for them. Bring down that old pair and turn them into cash at Stewart's Shoe Store, 1221 Douglas St. m7

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WANTED—Young girl, by the day preferred. Apply Mrs. Dodd, 123 Minto Street. m7

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—Room and board, near Esquimalt Convalescent Hospital. Mrs. Hickey, 1815 Pownall Road. m7

FOR SALE—Registered Guernsey bull, 3 years old, with 10 calves. For further particulars apply to E. D. Routs, 1235 Yates St., R. M. D. Routs 1. m7

MINISTER MAY CANCEL GRANTS

Renfrew Lands Held as Farm Area to Be Subject of Inquiry

QUESTION OF FRAUD OR ERROR WILL COME UP

Matter Was Inquired Into by Public Accounts Committee Last Year

Legislative Press Gallery, March 7.

The Minister of Lands is taking prompt action in the matter of the Renfrew lands which, as it was disclosed last session, were sold to purchasers as second-class agricultural land at \$2.50 an acre, whereas as a matter of fact they contain some of the biggest timber in the province.

There are thirty-one lots affected, which were acquired at various times between May 25, 1892, and December 31, 1912, the area being 5,760 acres. These are now, and have been for some time in the possession of the Canadian Puget Sound Lumber Company, and in a prospectus which was sent out on the occasion of a reorganization of that concern, it is stated that a cruise of the limits shows that they carry 60,000 feet to the acre. Thus, instead of being agricultural land these lots should be held, if at all, as timber leases and yielding rental to the province.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, has given notice to the holder that they must show cause why he should not cancel the grants for these lands on the ground of fraud in their acquisition by those who secured them from the government. A hearing will be accorded them on April 3.

The Minister is acting under authority of section 157 of the Land Act, which is as follows: "In all cases where crown grant of land has been issued through fraud, or in error, or by inadvertence, or have in any other way been improperly issued, the Minister may, upon hearing the parties interested, or upon default of the said parties, direct such fraudulent, erroneous, inadvertent or improperly issued crown grant to be cancelled, and may also, if he deems it advisable, order and direct that the original record, whether the pre-emption or purchase, of the land covered by and included in such crown grant be cancelled."

If it is found that there has been fraud, error or inadvertence in the issue of these grants it would, of course, be highly improper for the crown to acquiesce in their being further held improperly. It is estimated that these areas should yield a revenue of between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to the province.

The fraud, or error, or whatever it was, was accented at session by the then leader of the Opposition, and was brought to the attention of the House and of the Public Accounts Committee. The only excuse that was offered for the Government was that five land surveyors had reported upon these lands as being second-class agricultural land and that the department at that time had no means of checking the accuracy of these reports.

There the matter would probably have dropped if it were not for the change of Government. It may be mentioned that in the office of the Minister of Lands have hung for a couple of years pictures of this agricultural land represented by the Canadian Puget Sound Company, showing the timber on it to be among the largest on the Island.

Lecture on Faust.—The lecture on Faust to be delivered by William Trant, before the University Club at the Y. W. C. A. on Friday evening, will be open to the public. The lecture will commence at 8.30 o'clock sharp.

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THEATRE—Wanted, a drop scene, also 29 or 32 x 25. Apply Box 368, Times. m7

WANTED—Experienced locomotive engineer for logging camp, oil burner. Apply Box 365, Times. m7

CHOICE LOT near Gorge, deep black soil, suitable for cultivation. For planting, \$50, \$50 cash. Owner, P. O. Box 78, City. m7

THE W. C. T. U. of the city will hold their Francis Willard memorial meeting in the Y. W. C. A. at 3 o'clock on Thursday, March 8th. Interesting programme. All welcome. m7

WANTED—General servant. Apply 196 Sayward Bldg. m7

LOST—In business district, nugget, 15 and brooch; reward, 90 Sayward Bldg. m7

BORN

PAYNE—To Lieut. F. Norman Payne and Mrs. Payne, Uxbridge, Sussex, a daughter.

DIED

ITCHIE—On the 6th inst., at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, John Henderson Ritchie, age 21 years, and a native son, formerly residing at 1909 Duesse Street. The deceased is survived by: besides a mother, one brother, George Ritchie, now on active service in France, and Clifford, at home; also uncles and aunts, of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday, the 8th inst. at 2 o'clock, from the St. John's Roman Catholic Church, interment will take place at Ross Bay Cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

BUTLER—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband, Andrew Butler, who died at Victoria, March 7th, 1912. Beyond the reach of earthly care, Beyond the touch of pain, In the bright and cloudless air, The saints in glory reign. Beside the shining crystal sea, Where tempests all are o'er, My loved one waits to welcome me, And we shall part no more. m7

URGENT DEVELOPMENT OF STEEL INDUSTRY

Vancouver Board of Trade Sends Deputation Over to See the Cabinet

Legislative Press Gallery, March 7.

The urgent need for the development of the iron and steel industry on this coast was brought to the attention of the Executive Council this morning by a deputation from the Vancouver Board of Trade, consisting of Nicol Thompson, president; W. A. Blair, secretary; Gilbert Blair, chairman of the mining committee; Charles F. Law, representative in British Columbia of the interests of Lord Rhoads; George Kidd, general manager of the B. C. Electric Railway; W. Godfrey, manager of the Vancouver branch of the Bank of British North America; G. S. Harrison, manager of the Vancouver branch of the Merchants Bank of Canada; D. R. Clarke, general superintendent of branches of the Bank of Montreal; C. S. Meek, Alex. Sharpe, H. W. Heyer, of the Financial Times of British Columbia, and others.

Mr. Thompson stated that the board understood that applications had been made to the Government and the deputation had come over to see what was being done in the direction of assisting in the development of the iron and steel industry in this province. He himself had had to cancel \$20,000 worth of business this year because he could not get delivery. This would be a big year in the canneries and there would thus be a great demand for tinplate.

Mr. Law told the cabinet that he had been assured by H. F. Clergue, of the Algoma Steel Corporation, that the present is the psychological moment for the establishment of a steel industry, and he understood that if the Government offered any inducement Mr. Clergue and his engineers would be out here this summer to look over the ground. A rolling mill for steel plates for shipbuilding would do well, as the demand would be brisk and prices high for the next years, and it could thus operate profitably and then go into the markets of the world on a competitive basis. In British Columbia there could be done for \$10,000,000 what had cost the Algoma and Nova Scotia works \$25,000,000 or \$30,000,000 owing to the latter's lack of experience. Mr. Law stated that the magnetic ores of British Columbia could be smelted direct, without the use of hematite ores.

Mr. Sharp wanted active development of iron ores. There are twenty-seven known important iron deposits, and but a small percentage of the province has been prospected. In Texas alone there are known deposits of iron to the value of \$100,000,000. In Canada a deposit of 1,000,000 tons would keep a smelter of 100 tons daily out running for thirty or forty years. The only mines producing coking coal were the Cumberland mines of the Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), with a known area of 25,000 acres, the product of which had been used in the earlier days at Trail and now the only coking was at Ansoy. The cost of coke now was too high for economic production of iron and steel, but this could be largely overcome by proper methods of coking. In the present extravagant system of manufacture there was a loss on every ton of coal of between 6,000 and 8,000 cubic feet of gas, many gallons of tar and sulphate of ammonia. Competent authorities were satisfied that there would be no difficulty in reducing our magnetic ores to pig iron if proper fluxes were used.

Mr. Clark, speaking for himself as a member of the Board of Trade, suggested that the best method of action was for the government to employ the best international experts from the United Kingdom, Sweden, the United States or elsewhere, in order to ascertain what deposits we had of ore, fluxes, and all the other necessities for the development of an iron and steel industry. This would furnish the investing public with full knowledge of what the opportunities were.

Mr. Harrison believed that the financial interests of the country would be found perfectly willing to get behind any worthy, capable, proven organization for the development of resources. Mr. Godfrey advised the Government to spend as much as it saw fit in investigation, and as for its further action there was no doubt that the present Government could be trusted to act wisely. Mr. Godfrey pointed out the Imperial aspect of the development of any resources, this tending to strengthen the Empire.

Gilbert Blair urged Government "aid to mining and prospecting by diamond drilling." Mr. Kidd considered that all that was done towards development of natural resources tended to assist all other industries and commercial undertakings to meet their financial obligations. The Premier and the Minister of Mines asked several questions in regard to the amount of ore used in the big plants across the line.

Mr. Thompson stated that none of the magnetic ores used in the British furnaces were of as high quality as the hematite ores are only 47 per cent, as good as ours. British Columbia magnetic ore runs 60 and 70 per cent, in metallic iron and very low in phosphorus and sulphur, while Norwegian and Swedish ores are the reverse.

The freemasters of the deputation that since its last year here the matter had not been side-tracked. When in Ottawa recently he had discussed with Sir Robert Borden the necessity for British Columbia aid for Canada and the Empire as well, of the development of our iron deposits. He had brought to bear what influence he could to get the Federal Government to assist here as it had done in the East.

With so many bankers and business

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Each Assistant Ranger will be offered six months employment at \$100 per month plus travelling expenses with re-employment for 6 months each year while services are satisfactory and also with the prospect of advancement, on merit, to the regular forest service as assistant forester. Applicants for these positions are required to obtain the necessary application forms and to send them in to the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or to the nearest District Forester at Vancouver, Vernon, Kamloops, Lillooet, Cranbrook, Fern, George, Hazelton, Prince Rupert, Nelson, as the case may be.

Applicants must be British subjects. Examiners have been selected by the Board to hold examinations of applicants at the following places on the dates mentioned: Merritt, Monday, March 26; Princeton, Tuesday, March 27; Pentleton, Wednesday, March 28; Grand Forks, Friday, March 30; Nelson, Saturday, March 31; Kaslo, Monday, April 2; New Denver, Wednesday, April 4; Nakusp, Friday, April 6; Creston, Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10; Cranbrook, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11; Fernie, Thursday, April 12; Ashcroft, Saturday, April 14; Golden, Tuesday, April 17; Revelstoke, Wednesday, April 18; Vernon, Thursday, April 19; Chase, Saturday, April 21; Kamloops, Monday, April 23; Prince George, Saturday, March 24; Quesnel, Wednesday, March 25; 150 Mile House, Saturday, March 24; Clinton, Tuesday, April 3; McBride, Saturday, April 7; Endako, Tuesday, April 10; Smithers, Friday, April 13; Hazelton, Monday, April 16; Terrace, Wednesday, April 18; Prince Rupert, Wednesday, March 28; Victoria, Monday, April 2; Nanaimo, Saturday, April 7; Alberni, Monday, April 9; Vancouver, Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12; Alert Bay, Saturday, April 14; Shoal Bay, Monday, April 16; Campbell River, Tuesday, April 17; Powell River, Thursday, April 19.

While application forms should be sent in at the earliest possible date no person who has been unable to do this

LOCAL NEWS

Have You Seen the seven-jeweled wrist-watches, with unbreakable fronts, sold for \$5.00 each, by F. L. Haynes, 1124 Government street? They're unequalled.

Brotherhood of Carpenters—Under the auspices of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, a meeting will be held at the Labor Temple to-night. Mr. J. Robertson, general organizer, from Vancouver, will address the meeting, to which all ship joiners and carpenters are invited.

Gets Three Months.—On a charge of being an inmate of an opium joint, a Chinaman, by the name of Soom, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning.

Debate on the Address.—In the Legislature this afternoon the debate on the address is being continued by Captain Hayward, Independent Conservative; Joseph Walters (Yale), Liberal; Dr. W. O. Ross (Nelson), Opposition; and E. A. Pauline (Saanich).

Exports Prohibited.—The Board of Trade, London, cables to-day as follows: "The exportation of the following articles are prohibited from the United Kingdom, 19th and 23rd February: Copper manufactures, telegraphs and telephones, various implements for munitions, foodstuffs, starch, refined tallow, albumen, casein, dextrine."

Regular Meeting To-morrow.—The monthly general meeting of the Victoria, British Columbia, Board of Trade will be held in the board room to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Business to be discussed includes the receiving of the verbal progress report of the board's representatives on the Victoria City Delinquent Tax Committee, upon which discussion will ensue. Daylight Saving and the hour of meeting will also form part of the agenda.

Attempted Murder.—The superintendent of Provincial Police has received this morning of an attempted murder of two Italians at Spruce Creek, Atlin, by one Marco Pini, who has been placed under arrest by Constable Scarlett, of Atlin. One of the men received a gash in the lung and is in hospital in a precarious condition, while his assailant has a broken arm and is undergoing treatment. Chief Constable Gammon, of Prince Rupert reports that the preliminary hearing would take place at Atlin yesterday.

BLIND PIGS DISCOVERED

Two Persons Are Sentenced to Six Months Each for Violation of Law.

Two cases of persons accused of running "blind pigs" were dealt with by Magistrate Jay in the police court this morning.

On Monday of this week Constables Devereaux and Palmer arrested Wong Sing of the Empire Hotel on a charge of selling liquor unlawfully, and last evening the same two constables under the direction of Inspector Featley were able to arrest Jessie Johnson, of the Savoy Rooms, on Johnson Street on a similar offence.

In the latter case Constable Devereaux entered the premises about 11 o'clock last night in the company of a sailor. He rented a room and ordered some beer for both of which he paid the woman. The latter officers then entered and the arrest was made. Nine quarts of beer and a large number of bottles were seized and shown in court this morning. Evidence was given by Constable Devereaux that the house was full of men under the influence of liquor at the time of the offence.

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Each Assistant Ranger will be offered six months employment at \$100 per month plus travelling expenses with re-employment for 6 months each year while services are satisfactory and also with the prospect of advancement, on merit, to the regular forest service as assistant forester. Applicants for these positions are required to obtain the necessary application forms and to send them in to the Chief Forester, Victoria, B. C., or to the nearest District Forester at Vancouver, Vernon, Kamloops, Lillooet, Cranbrook, Fern, George, Hazelton, Prince Rupert, Nelson, as the case may be.

Applicants must be British subjects. Examiners have been selected by the Board to hold examinations of applicants at the following places on the dates mentioned: Merritt, Monday, March 26; Princeton, Tuesday, March 27; Pentleton, Wednesday, March 28; Grand Forks, Friday, March 30; Nelson, Saturday, March 31; Kaslo, Monday, April 2; New Denver, Wednesday, April 4; Nakusp, Friday, April 6; Creston, Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10; Cranbrook, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11; Fernie, Thursday, April 12; Ashcroft, Saturday, April 14; Golden, Tuesday, April 17; Revelstoke, Wednesday, April 18; Vernon, Thursday, April 19; Chase, Saturday, April 21; Kamloops, Monday, April 23; Prince George, Saturday, March 24; Quesnel, Wednesday, March 25; 150 Mile House, Saturday, March 24; Clinton, Tuesday, April 3; McBride, Saturday, April 7; Endako, Tuesday, April 10; Smithers, Friday, April 13; Hazelton, Monday, April 16; Terrace, Wednesday, April 18; Prince Rupert, Wednesday, March 28; Victoria, Monday, April 2; Nanaimo, Saturday, April 7; Alberni, Monday, April 9; Vancouver, Wednesday and Thursday, April 11 and 12; Alert Bay, Saturday, April 14; Shoal Bay, Monday, April 16; Campbell River, Tuesday, April 17; Powell River, Thursday, April 19.

While application forms should be sent in at the earliest possible date no person who has been unable to do this



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will be prevented from taking the examinations. These examinations will be partly written and partly oral, being aimed to test the ability of applicants to do the work of Assistant Forest Rangers, and consisting mainly of practical questions about logging, cruising, surveying, forest protection, etc., together with some questions to test applicant's ability to make out reports. Physical ability and good character are absolute requirements, and the heaviest marking will be for practical experience. The object aimed at is the selection of capable practical men. Returned soldiers with the necessary qualifications will be given preference.

By giving wide spread publicity to the opportunity thus offered for joining what it is intended to make one of the best services in Canada, it is hoped that many good men will send in applications and take the examination. It should be made clear that the examinations are merely simple practical tests designed to select good men just as in the case of the tests that scalars have to pass to qualify for their licenses.

The results of these examinations will be laid before the boards at their next meetings on April 27, and the boards will then recommend to the Minister the names of those men whom they consider the best for the position of Assistant Ranger. The boards are also calling for applications from men who wish to be given opportunity for short-term employment as patrolmen during the height of the danger season.

Examinations will also be held at Ocean Falls and Bella-Coola, the dates of which will be announced later.

PACIFIC EASTERN IS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Committee of House Will Go Into All Matters Connected With Construction

Notice of a committee of inquiry into the matters affecting the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is given to-day by Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways. The notice reads: "That a Select Committee consisting of eight members of this House—namely, Messrs. Farris, Hall, Hanes, Anderson, Yorston, Ross, Shatford and Pooley—be appointed to inquire into all matters directly or indirectly relating to the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company, including the relations existing between the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the firm of Egley, Welch & Stewart, and between the said railway company and Mr. P. Welch, contractor, and any sub-contractors of stationmen performing work or supplying materials under the contract existing between P. Welch and the railway company; and also between any sub-contractors and stationmen working for or under such sub-contractors; and also into the relations existing between Mr. P. Welch, contractor, and any other person, firm, or corporation; and also into the relations existing between Mr. P. Welch, contractor, in connection with the supply of labor or materials in connection with the construction of the railway; and that the said committee shall have power to call for and compel the attendance of persons, and the production of books, papers, cross-sections, profiles, bills of quantities, accounts, and generally, all things that may be necessary in carrying out the most searching inquiry into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company; and the committee shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, to take evidence under oath, and to report the findings of the committee and the evidence adduced, to this House."

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Notice is HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with statute, that all assessed taxes, assessed and levied under the Municipalities Act, including the School Rates, under the "Public Schools Act" are now due and payable for the year 1917.

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### A. H. MITCHELL BACK IN BUSINESS AGAIN

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From to-day on the jewelry firm styled for the past five years as Short, Hill & Duncan, Limited, will be known as Mitchell & Duncan, Limited, the former gentleman being the "senior partner." Largely accountable for the change is the fact, to use his own words, that A. H. Mitchell finds that after five years of inactivity the constant talk of the war and of tales of depression have suggested to him that the busier one becomes the less time he has to brood over the unpleasant things of life. "To be in the jewelry business," said Mr. Mitchell amid his new surroundings, in the Times this morning, "is part of my existence after all, and to get back to the familiar scene of the store makes me more optimistic than ever—and I am nothing if not optimistic." Had the business which he left in 1912 progressed as he would have it, queried the Times man: "It has stood the period of depression extremely well, and of my faith in the future, the testimony that I am cheerfully placing money in the business should be sufficient guide on the question."

**Record Partnership.**  
Travellers from all parts of the Dominion tell Mr. Mitchell that his partnership with Mr. Challoner in the jewelry business is a record one. For four years in the East and twenty years in the city of Victoria there existed a unique combination of business and friendship, with the result that the firm became the best known jewelry house in the Province of British Columbia. On the death of Mr. Challoner five years ago, their business was absorbed by the firm of Short, Hill & Duncan and the major portion of the staff went with it into the new premises on the corner of Broad and View Streets. Many of the original staff employed formerly by Mr. Mitchell are still with the present concern, so that there are but very few new associations to be made by the new senior partner.

Same Character of Business.  
Asked as to whether the people might look for any notable change in the conduct or character of the business Mr. Mitchell said he would not doubt make one or two innovations, but on the whole there would be very little difference.

Mr. Duncan, is no stranger to his partner, for he joined the firm of "Shorter & Mitchell" at the age of thirteen and for fourteen years was an employee, taking his departure to the present premises on the retirement of his former employers. Eighteen years' experience in the same business therefore stand to the credit of Mr. Duncan. The retirement of W. J. Short from the late firm follows on the acquiring by Mr. Mitchell of his interests.

### ROTARY BOOK SHOWER AT WEEKLY LUNCHEON

Colonel Williams to Speak; Event Open to the General Public

Members of the Rotary Club are reminded that at the lunch-to-morrow there is to be a Book Shower for the benefit of the wounded soldiers at the three local institutions. To those who have books on their shelves and find no use for them and to those who have finished with their literature entirely the call applies, and it is expected that a goodly selection will result to help to while away the weary hours of the Tommy who has gone forth to fight the battles of the Empire and has returned with the scars of battle.

Through the kindness of the committee of the Red Cross Superfundities Department, the store maintained at the corner of the Belmont Building by that organization will be placed at the disposal of the Rotary Club on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning for the collection of books, and the people of Victoria are also asked to do all they possibly can towards making the canvass a successful one. The Rotary Club is busy making arrangements for the final collection and distribution of the books. It is specially noted that bound books are preferred and the class of reading light and popular. Should anyone have a particularly big bundle of books arrangements can be made to call for them by telephoning No. 3209.

The luncheon to-morrow is open to the general public in order to give all who can make it convenient to be present an opportunity of hearing Col. Williams, the Assistant Director of Recruiting for the Dominion, who will address the gathering on the subject of "Equal Sacrifice."

### OBITUARY RECORD

The funeral of Mary Schofield, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schofield, of Gladstone Avenue, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Thomson Funeral Parlor, Rev. Wm. Stevenson officiating. The father of the little girl is on active service at the front.

### STAMPED AND READY FOR MAILING

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**Personal**  
Miss Esther M. Huff, of Vancouver, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. S. A. K. White, 1546 Monterey Avenue, Oak Bay, for a few days.  
Sir James Loughhead is spending some days in Calgary before returning East. Lady Loughhead has given up the house she had in Esquimalt, and will remain in Calgary.

### GOT FORTY-EIGHT ENEMY SUBMARINES

That Was British Navy's Record to February 16; It is Said

New York, March 7.—A monster fleet of 500 trawlers from Grimsby, Hull, Leith, Yarmouth, Lowestoft and other North Sea fishing ports, aided by fast destroyers and patrol boats, is guarding the mouth of the English Channel and Irish Sea with many devices for catching and destroying submarines, according to passengers who arrived here yesterday.  
One passenger said that when he was at Devonport dockyard on February 21, one of the Admiralty officials informed him that the German navy was credited with having 100 submarines of all sizes, from the old type of submersible, 30 feet long, to the latest U boat from Kiel, ranging from 125 to 220 feet in length. The result of the defensive moves on the part of the Admiralty was that the mosquito fleet had destroyed or captured 48 by February 16, which caused the big decrease in the number of vessels torpedoed after that date.  
Very few of the submarines were captured and taken into port, it was said, as it was too much trouble to raise them. A few were taken on the surface after they had been disabled by bombs from aeroplanes. Others were destroyed by bombs from trawlers after they had been tangled in steel nets.

### ALLIES STILL HAVE MASTERY OF AIR

London, March 7.—Replying to a question in the House of Commons today, James Macpherson said the Government did not accept the accuracy of the report recently sent from Berlin that the Germans had brought down 18 aeroplanes on the western front in one day. False statements such as this, he said, were made in order to elicit the truth.  
"I can assure the members," he added, "that we still maintain mastery of the air."

### AMERICANS IN DENMARK WISH TO GET TO STATES

Copenhagen, March 7.—Sir Ralph Spencer Page, the British Minister here, cabled today to London asking permission for a special Danish liner to sail direct to Halifax without calling at Kirkwall to enable a large number of Americans here to reach home.  
Sir Ralph, replying to an American delegation headed by Dr. Eastman of the Red Cross, said the case looked like a good one and he would refer it to London.

### TOY MANUFACTURERS OF STATES SUPPORT WILSON

New York, March 7.—The Toy Manufacturers' Association, in convention here with delegates from all parts of the country, announced today a resolution had been sent to President Wilson approving his action in upholding and maintaining the rights of American citizens at home and abroad.  
"The memorial pledges the organization to support the President in every act to uphold the honor of the republic."

### ENLISTED MEN IN STATES AS OFFICERS

Washington, March 7.—The War Department has directed that between 5,000 and 6,000 enlisted men of the army be designated by regimental commanders for commissions as company officers in whatever army may be raised. Orders have been sent to each command to select 50 men who will be eligible for commissions up to and including captains.

### ITALIAN PRIZES FOR SINKING SUBMARINES

Rome, March 7.—A decree has been promulgated reorganizing the system for the defence of ships against submarine attack and placing it in charge of an admiral. Among other duties the new admiral will undertake the awarding of merchant ships and award money prizes to those which sink or disable hostile submarines.

### FOSTER IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, N. B., March 7.—The Opposition candidates at the recent provincial general election, including both elected and defeated, met in St. John today to choose their leader. The choice fell on W. E. Foster, of St. John, who accepted the leadership of the party after the election had been announced, being defeated in St. John County in a contest with Attorney General Baxter. Mr. Foster has agreed to accept. He has the offer of several seats, but has not yet made his choice.

Canadians will be interested in the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Lieut.-Col. Lord Bruce, owing to the fact that his father was born at Ottawa. The new earl is 36 years of age and unmarried. He was educated at Oxford and received an excellent training while acting as private secretary to his father during the latter's tenure of office as Secretary of State for the Colonies. The family name is intimately associated with the history of Scotland and occupies a big place in the Parliamentary and Colonial activities of the Empire. The Bruce family claim direct descentance of King Robert Bruce of Scotland.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

### MURDER TRIAL AT SANDWICH, ONTARIO

Windsor, Ont., March 7.—John Hogue, alias James Stewart, was placed on trial in Sandwich this forenoon before Mr. Justice Sutherland on the charge of having murdered W. Marshall Jackson, immigration officer, of Winnipeg, on January 25 last. The crime was committed when a C. P. R. train was nearing Windsor. After shooting the officer, Hogue escaped and remained in hiding for a few days before being captured in a downtown hotel by detectives.

T. B. Ferguson, of Toronto, appeared today as crown prosecutor, being assisted by Crown Attorney Rodd, of this city. F. C. Kooby represented the accused.  
Prosecutor Ferguson, in outlining the case, described the shooting of Jackson, saying the prisoner was not handcuffed and had been allowed considerable liberty. Hogue had left his seat apparently to get a drink, had returned with a drawn revolver and shot the officer. After that he had covered the passengers, made his escape and later was captured by city detectives.

### MAYOR OF VANCOUVER LAUNCHES A CLEAN-UP

Vancouver, March 7.—Mayor McBeath initiated a moral clean-up crusade today when the police at his instruction issued summonses against a number of hotels and uptown cafes for breaking the regulations by selling liquor after hours and to girls and youths.  
The Mayor himself did a little private accounting two weeks ago and saw after closing at night innumerable bars served out of silver teapots, to persons under 20 years of age, so he engaged several private detectives and their reports, he declares, brought to light an astounding state of affairs. Scenes in which women were so much intoxicated that they sang and danced all over the dining rooms in an unrestrained manner are described in the affidavits sent to the Mayor.

### "OVERSEAS" CLAIMS RURIK WAS DAMAGED

Berlin, March 7.—The Russian armored cruiser Rurik struck a mine in the Gulf of Finland and was badly damaged, according to reports from Stockholm, says an Overseas News Agency announcement.  
"News of the disaster to the Rurik was received in Sweden in dispatches which escaped the Russian naval censorship, the agency's Stockholm ad-vice state. The warship was docked shortly afterward at Cronstadt, on the Gulf of Finland, it is said.

### NO BAIL GRANTED KOLB AND SCHATWART

Heboken, N. J., March 7.—Frits Kolb and Hans Schatwart, arrested yesterday in connection with an alleged plot to destroy war munitions destined for the Entente powers, today were held for the grand jury without bail. Two bombs found in Kolb's room were identified by the prisoners in court.

### B. DE LA BRUERE DIES IN QUEBEC

Quebec, March 7.—Boucher de la Bruere, former Superintendent of the Provincial Department of Public Instruction, died last night, aged 79 years. He was formerly a journalist and a member of the Legislative Council, of which he was Speaker for four years.

### NO EXPLANATION OF SUSPENSION AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 7.—No official explanation has been made yet as to the suspension of Gerald H. Brown, Assistant Deputy Minister of Labor. Neither Hon. T. W. Crothers, the Minister of Labor, nor Mr. Brown will make a statement and an air of mystery surrounds the suspension.

### NO MEATLESS DAYS FOR BRITISH YET

London, March 7.—There has been a substantial diminution of meat consumption in Great Britain as the result of the recent appeal to the people by the Food Controller asking that they place themselves on rations. In consequence of this, it was said in the House of Commons today, there is no intention at present to introduce compulsory meatless days.

### METAL MARKET.

New York, March 7.—Lead firm, 90 asked. Spelter firm, East St. Louis delivery 11 cents asked. Copper firm, electro-fine spot and nearby nominal; second quarter, \$22.55; iron steady and unchanged, Tin firm; spot \$22.55. At London spot copper, 115.1; futures, 115.15; electro-fine, 115.1; spot tin, 130.5; futures, 130.15.

### NEW YORK SUGAR.

New York, March 7.—Raw sugar easy; centrifugal, 4.48; molasses, 4.14; refuse steady. Fine granulated, 7.95.

### ASKS HOME RULE FOR IRISH AT ONCE

T. P. O'Connor Moves Resolution in Imperial House of Commons

London, March 7.—On behalf of the Irish Nationalists, T. P. O'Connor moved in the House of Commons today a resolution that the free institutions long promised to Ireland should be conferred on her without further delay.  
Mr. O'Connor said it was an invitation to the whole House to join in a united and genuine effort to settle the Irish question. It indicated no change in the attitude of the Nationalists towards the war policy, in regard to which there was no opposition in Ireland.  
The only criticism of John Redmond, Mr. O'Connor continued, was that he, as well as other leaders of the Nationalists, had paid the price of liberty without getting it. The Nationalists recognized the difficulties of putting the Home Rule Act into operation during the war. The remarkable thing was that the Irish people accepted the delay. They trusted to the honor of England, and one would not imagine that the country which was fighting for the principle of small nationalities would be so inconsistent and unjust as to deny that right to Ireland.

Mr. Lloyd George said it was the Government's view that there must be no attempt at a settlement of the Irish question which would provoke civil strife in one part of the kingdom and divide the whole kingdom into warring camps during the great world struggle.  
He added that the Government was prepared to confer self-government on the parts of Ireland demanding it.

### AN "OVERSEAS" STATEMENT.

Berlin, March 5.—Delayed.—The official Overseas News Agency denies the report published in British newspapers that Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff, after thoroughly inspecting the Austrian front in the Trentino, had declared they were not in favor of an offensive in this region because of the lack of railway lines.

### A DOWNWARD TREND AT CHICAGO TO-DAY

Chicago, March 7.—The wheat market opened 1/2 higher, May opening with range of 19 1/2 to 19 3/4. Shortly after the opening May advanced half a point, which was its high for the day. The trading throughout the session was more erratic than of late, but generally was of the downward trend. From reports coming from different directions exporters were reselling their wheat at prices 4 to 5 cents lower. May closed with net loss of 4 points on the day. Corn, after making a new high at the opening, declined for the most part during the session and closed around its low. Oats also sold off.

### TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, March 7.—May wheat closed 1/2 down, July 23 down and October 1/2 down. Oats closed lower for May and up for July. Barley gained 1/2. Flax was up 1/2 in May and 1/2 in July. The report mostly responsible for the sharp break was that several exporters had offered to cancel their contracts. It was said that over 1,000,000 bushels had been cancelled during the last two days. It was noticeable in the local market, however, that one big export company bought steadily all session, not bidding aggressively, but taking wheat on offer during the soft spot. The market varied considerably during the day, wavering on pit conditions more than on news. The opening burst was very strong, but did not last long. The floor crowd who had taken a load during the last week began to take profits. The bulk of the trade was in the hands of the pit crowd and was of fair volume. The cash market was steady. Though there was no anxiety to bid up the premiums, no a sold at 1/2 over May. The other grades were in fair demand at unchanged spreads.

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
May	183 1/2	183 1/2
July	187 1/2	187 1/2
Oct.	190 1/2	190 1/2
Oats—		
May	60 1/2	60 1/2
July	62 1/2	62 1/2
Barley—		
May	107 1/2	107 1/2
Flax—		
May	208 1/2	208 1/2
July	214 1/2	214 1/2
Stocks—		
Cash prices: Wheat—No. 1, 187 1/2; No. 2, 185 1/2; No. 3, 183 1/2; No. 4, 181 1/2; No. 5, 179 1/2; No. 6, 177 1/2; No. 7, 175 1/2; No. 8, 173 1/2; No. 9, 171 1/2; No. 10, 169 1/2; No. 11, 167 1/2; No. 12, 165 1/2; No. 13, 163 1/2; No. 14, 161 1/2; No. 15, 159 1/2; No. 16, 157 1/2; No. 17, 155 1/2; No. 18, 153 1/2; No. 19, 151 1/2; No. 20, 149 1/2; No. 21, 147 1/2; No. 22, 145 1/2; No. 23, 143 1/2; No. 24, 141 1/2; No. 25, 139 1/2; No. 26, 137 1/2; No. 27, 135 1/2; No. 28, 133 1/2; No. 29, 131 1/2; No. 30, 129 1/2; No. 31, 127 1/2; No. 32, 125 1/2; No. 33, 123 1/2; No. 34, 121 1/2; No. 35, 119 1/2; No. 36, 117 1/2; No. 37, 115 1/2; No. 38, 113 1/2; No. 39, 111 1/2; No. 40, 109 1/2; No. 41, 107 1/2; No. 42, 105 1/2; No. 43, 103 1/2; No. 44, 101 1/2; No. 45, 99 1/2; No. 46, 97 1/2; No. 47, 95 1/2; No. 48, 93 1/2; No. 49, 91 1/2; No. 50, 89 1/2; No. 51, 87 1/2; No. 52, 85 1/2; No. 53, 83 1/2; No. 54, 81 1/2; No. 55, 79 1/2; No. 56, 77 1/2; No. 57, 75 1/2; No. 58, 73 1/2; No. 59, 71 1/2; No. 60, 69 1/2; No. 61, 67 1/2; No. 62, 65 1/2; No. 63, 63 1/2; No. 64, 61 1/2; No. 65, 59 1/2; No. 66, 57 1/2; No. 67, 55 1/2; No. 68, 53 1/2; No. 69, 51 1/2; No. 70, 49 1/2; No. 71, 47 1/2; No. 72, 45 1/2; No. 73, 43 1/2; No. 74, 41 1/2; No. 75, 39 1/2; No. 76, 37 1/2; No. 77, 35 1/2; No. 78, 33 1/2; No. 79, 31 1/2; No. 80, 29 1/2; No. 81, 27 1/2; No. 82, 25 1/2; No. 83, 23 1/2; No. 84, 21 1/2; No. 85, 19 1/2; No. 86, 17 1/2; No. 87, 15 1/2; No. 88, 13 1/2; No. 89, 11 1/2; No. 90, 9 1/2; No. 91, 7 1/2; No. 92, 5 1/2; No. 93, 3 1/2; No. 94, 1 1/2; No. 95, 1/2.		

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Brothers, Limited.)  
Montreal, March 7.—The local market continued active today, but with a reactionary tendency. The opening was firm and there was a fair demand for securities, but profit-taking set in shortly after the opening and prices lost substantial fractions on the day's operations. Scotia Steel was an exception and lost four points. The selling in the active list was readily absorbed and there was no indication that the market was in an overbought condition.

### STOCKS REACT AFTER A WEEK'S ADVANCE

(By Wise & Co.)  
New York, March 7.—The advance on the stock market came to a halt today, as was only to be expected after the week's advance, and most of the various issues closed with slightly lower prices, with the exception of Utah, the copper and rubbers, which showed decided strength. Central Leather also showed strength, with activity, and the sentiment in that issue is decidedly bullish. The rails still are inactive and dull and continue to act with heaviness. Call money was at 3 per cent.

HIGH LOW CLOS			
Ames Holden	194 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2
Do, pd.	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Bell Telephone	148 1/2	148 1/2	148 1/2
Brazilian Trac.	434 1/2	434 1/2	434 1/2
C. P. R.	152 1/2	152 1/2	152 1/2
Can. Cement com.	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Do, pd.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Can. Car. Fdy. com.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Do, pd.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Do, pd.	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Can. Locomotive	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Civic Inv. & Ind.	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Cons. M. & S.	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Detroit United	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Dom. Bridge	129 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
Dom. L. & S.	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Dom. Textile	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
L. of Woods Mfg.	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
National Trust	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Loyal Com. Co.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Maple Leaf Mill	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Montreal Tram.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
MacDonald Co.	141 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
Mackay Co.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
N. S. Steel com.	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Ont. Steel Prod.	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Ogilvie Mx. Co.	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2
Pennam, Ltd.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Quebec Ry.	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Shionline Paper	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Shawinigan	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
St. Charles Pulp	173 1/2	173 1/2	173 1/2
Do, pd.	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Steel of Can.	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Do, pd.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Toronto Ry.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Winnipeg Elec.	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Wyanatic Pulp	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Dom. War Loan (new)	96 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Bk. of Montreal	220 1/2	220 1/2	220 1/2
Brompton	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2

### NEW YORK CURD PRICES.

(By Wise & Co.)  
Aria, Copperfields .. 1 1/2  
Cana. Copper .. 1 1/2  
Crown Reserve .. 2 1/2  
Em. Phone .. 2 1/2  
Goldfield .. 2 1/2  
Hecla .. 2 1/2  
Hedley Gold .. 2 1/2  
Hollinger .. 2 1/2  
Kore Sound .. 2 1/2  
Kerr Lake .. 2 1/2  
Emma Copper .. 2 1/2  
Green Monster .. 2 1/2  
Joseph Verde .. 2 1/2  
Big Ledge .. 2 1/2  
Inspiration Needles .. 2 1/2  
La Rose .. 2 1/2  
Magma .. 2 1/2  
Midvale .. 2 1/2  
Mines of Amh. .. 2 1/2  
Nipissing .. 2 1/2  
Standard Lead .. 2 1/2  
Stewart .. 2 1/2  
Submarine .. 2 1/2  
Success .. 2 1/2  
Tonaph .. 2 1/2  
Tonaph Helm .. 2 1/2  
Yukon .. 2 1/2  
United Verde Ext. .. 2 1/2  
Tonaph Extn. .. 2 1/2  
Mason Valley .. 2 1/2

### VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE.

Blackbird syndicate .. 200  
Canada Copper Co. .. 1,500  
Can. Cons. S. & R. .. 4,000  
Coronation Gold .. 50  
Granby .. 800  
Int. Coal & Coke Co. .. 100  
Lucy Jim Zinc .. 100  
McDougal .. 100  
Portland Tunnels .. 100  
Portland Canal .. 100  
Standard Lead .. 100  
Snowstorm .. 100  
Stewart Star .. 100  
Slocan Star .. 100  
Stewart Lead .. 100

### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By Wise & Co.)  
Jan. .... 16.65, 16.65, 16.65  
Mar. .... 17.90, 17.90, 17.90  
Apr. .... 17.75, 17.75, 17.75  
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June .... 17.75, 17.75, 17.75  
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Aug. .... 17.75, 17.75, 17.75  
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USEFUL DISCUSSION  
ON PENSIONS WORKING

Major Buchanan Talks to Returned Soldiers and Clears Up Many Misunderstandings

"There is no such thing as a complete cure," declared Major E. L. Buchanan to the regular gathering of returned soldiers at their rooms in the Belmont Block last night. "But," said he, "I want you to understand fully that the aim of the Pensions Act is to administer the Pensions Act not only according to the rules of common sense, but with a full appreciation of justice in every case which comes before it. I am not here to discuss the Act or to hint at any revision of that Act, because that is not within my sphere; legislation only can alter its provisions."

Every scrap of space in the rooms of the Returned Soldiers' Association was taken up by interested warriors last night and the value of the address by Major Buchanan, the chief inspector of the Board of Pension Commissioners, was reflected in the amount of information gathered, particularly on the subject of delays in the granting of pensions and the modus operandi for avoiding unpleasant consequences occasioned thereby.

NEW STRENGTH FOR LAME BACK.

Letter Teller of Long-Invaded-for Fracturing.  
Dear Mr. Editor—I suffered from lame back and a constant tired, worn-out feeling. At times I was unable to stand erect and scarcely able to get around. It would usually come on at first with crick in small of my back. I took one box of Dr. Pierce's Anurie Tablets and my back commenced to get better soon after starting to take them. I did not have to walk doubled over as I did before using the "Anurie." It is the best remedy I have ever taken for what it is intended to relieve.

NOTE: Up to this time, "Anurie" has not been on sale to the public, but by the persuasion of many patients and the increased demand for this wonderful healing tablet, Doctor Pierce has finally decided to put it into the drug stores of this country within immediate reach of all sufferers.  
Simply ask for Doctor Pierce's Anurie Tablets. There can be no imitation. Every package of "Anurie" is sure to be Doctor Pierce's. You will find the signature on the package just as you do on Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, the ever-famous friend to ailing women, and Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, proven by years to be the greatest general tonic. Send 10 cents to Dr. V. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for large trial package.  
At any rate don't give up hope of being cured of your malady until just a few doses of "Anurie" have proven that it will make you feel like a different person.  
EDITOR—Please insert this letter in some conspicuous place in your paper.



Teeth Made for Service  
All crowns, bridges and plates made at this office are constructed for long and satisfactory service—and guaranteed so!  
In fitting dental work to your mouth I use the very greatest care so that you may have absolute comfort in using the teeth I supply. The teeth are carefully chosen as to shape and shade—they are indistinguishable, in fact, from your own natural, sound teeth.  
Phone for Appointment. Ladies Always in Attendance  
**Dr. Albert E. Clarke**  
DENTIST  
Telephone for Appointments, 802  
Offices in Reynolds Building, Cor. Yates and Douglas

We are delighted to be able to increase the amount to be paid to the pensioner. Do not imagine for one moment that we want to haggle over whether a man gets eight or twenty-four dollars a month. All we want is to see that justice is done."  
Provision for Attendance.  
Several cases were cited by the speaker where hardship had been worked by the non-possession of the right information. One man who had lost an arm was graded as forty per cent disability, whereas it was brought to light that the loss of the arm had caused such a shock to the rest of his system that made it impossible to do his work, with the result that he was at once brought under the total disability scale of forty dollars a month, treatment, and six dollars for each child. The loss of one eye which impaired the sight of the other would be similarly treated. "You may not know this," declared the major, "that we pay as high as \$250 for attendance for the loss of sight or limbs. It does not matter whether the assistance given to the helpless man is by a member of his own household or not, that amount is paid in addition to the full disability pension and allowance for dependents."

Causes of Delay.  
Major Buchanan said that there were returned soldiers to-day who had lost an arm and were earning as high as seventy-five dollars a month, but it was assuredly not the intention of the Pensions Board to curtail the twenty-four dollar pension in consequence. The man's energy in learning a trade was his benefit, the Board believing that the loss of the member meant the loss in the healthy labor market of at least twenty-four dollars to the state.  
The speaker stated in reply to a number of questioners who cited cases of delay in the receiving of pensions, that his experience had gone to show that in ninety per cent of the cases, the absence of the last medical board report, upon which the pension and its amount had to be determined, was the cause. He was emphatic on this matter and urged upon the members of the Association that it was absolutely essential for that report to be sent to the Pensions Office and not to any other department, for without it the Pensions Board under the Act were unable to proceed in the case.  
History of a Case.  
Several members pointed out to the inspector individual cases of insufficient pension according to incapacitation. The major replied that those were the matters the office wanted to solve and to such of their number who felt that they required further medical treatment he told them they were at liberty under the Act to be reboarded at once and the amount of pension determined according to their disability.  
A Calgary man was posted as suffering from rheumatism and was getting eight dollars a month pension. The Pensions Office investigated his former papers which showed that he had suffered from tuberculosis years ago and suggested that his lungs should be sounded. He was found to be so suffering, was sent to the Sanatorium on full pension of forty dollars and allowances. This was another support to the Major's theory on the value of the medical report of the doctor with a knowledge of the patient's history.  
Vocational Training.  
Several present at the meeting were not at all satisfied as to the reason for the authorities asking what they were working at and how much they were earning. Major Buchanan told them that the object of the inquiry was to discover what all returned soldiers were engaged in, particularly those who had been obliged to leave the trade they had learned in pre-war days, either from disability in the general sense or from the loss of an arm or leg. These statistics were required so that at an early date it would be possible to say what trades were being pursued and what success was being achieved. That information would be extremely useful in the institution of vocational training of which every returned soldier has an opportunity to avail himself.  
Air Clearer.  
A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Major Buchanan and to J. J. Hill for their attendance it being agreed by all present that a good deal of light had been shed on the administration of the Pensions Act, which hoded well for early disappearance of all uncomfortable delays.

CPL. WINTERBOTTOM POSTED AS WOUNDED

Was Builder and Contractor in Winnipeg; Mother and Sister Reside Here

Posted officially in the casualty lists this morning is the name of Corporal James Winterbottom as wounded. The mother of the wounded soldier resides at 1388 Monterey Avenue with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Taylor, wife of R. R. Taylor, of the Drake Hardware Company.  
Corporal Winterbottom enlisted with the 10th Canadian Canadian Engineers, in March, 1915, and within two months was in France after but a short period of training in England. Before joining the Engineers he was engaged in business on his own account in Winnipeg as a builder and contractor, where he had been since his arrival from England about nine years ago. He has had many visits to his mother in this city and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances here.  
He was born in Oldham, Lancashire, England, thirty-four years ago, and served his apprenticeship to a large firm of builders and contractors in the north of England. He is a widower with one daughter. In one of his recent letters to his mother he speaks of the very interesting work he has been called upon to perform at the front and with the exception that his labor is very frequently disturbed by Hun shells, he states that the major part of the time he is engaged in his own profession with a staff of men under him erecting all kinds of buildings for the housing of the multitude which he says continue to arrive at the battlefield in France. The cable advice received by Mrs. Winterbottom do not state the nature of her son's wounds.

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SPLIT RESULTS IN LOSS OF SECRETARY

Differences Between Victoria and Vancouver Branches of B. C. Manufacturers' Assn.

During the last few months relations between the Victoria and Vancouver branches of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association have not been too happy, since under President J. A. Cunningham's leadership it has been alleged that the Vancouver manufacturers have desired to control the organization, and practically "freeze out" the Victoria members.  
As a consequence the secretary of the Victoria branch, F. Westley-Newton, who has held office since its inauguration, has placed his resignation in the hands of W. A. Jameson, vice-president and chairman of the branch. At a meeting last evening the resignation was accepted.  
Further consideration will be given to the situation at an early date.  
The letter forwarded by Mr. Westley-Newton largely explains itself. It says: "Re contents of letter addressed to you and similar letter to myself from the association at Vancouver, dated February 10, 1917, as to the discontinuing of a Victoria branch secretary, namely, 'in view of the fact that no provision is made under the incorporation of this association for branch secretaries, etc.' Therefore from a legal point of view I have no option but to tender my resignation as secretary of the Victoria branch, to take effect when you deem advisable for the benefit of Victoria members."  
"Thanking Victoria manufacturers for the trust and confidence placed in me during the past two and a half years. My only regret is that Victoria will thereby be unable to maintain a secretary to watch over their interests, not only locally but from a provincial point of view.  
"In conclusion I cannot help but feel that the president and his executive have been grossly negligent in not providing for branch secretaries under the articles of their incorporation, for it more than impresses me with the fact that this association is a Vancouver organization and not provincial, believes the oft repeated assertion of the president that the association stands first, last and all time for B. C., whereas he should have stated Vancouver.  
"The articles of incorporation of this association should have been so drawn that it could be in a position to handle all the industrial centres of B. C. today and in the future, and to broaden nor narrow down its objects, for by co-operation not disunion can the organization make itself felt a power in the province.  
"If my efforts on your behalf to promote home industries and the industrial success of our fair province mature in time, my labors will have been amply rewarded."

LEAVING FOR FRONT

Y. M. C. A. Boys' Secretary to Have Charge of Army Hut.

R. E. Crompton, Boys' Work Secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association, has secured temporary leave of absence from the Board of Directors and is planning to leave for overseas at the end of the week to engage in Y. M. C. A. work among the soldiers. Mr. Crompton has received an appointment under the British National Council of Y. M. C. A. who recently asked for twenty men from Canada to duplicate the Association service being given to Canadian soldiers both in home camps and up to the firing line. The local secretary will be in charge of a hut in France with the men of the British Expeditionary Forces. Mr. Crompton lives with his mother at 53 Moss Street. His two brothers are already engaged in the big struggle, one of whom, Frank, the local swimmer, is with No. 5 B. C. Hospital at Salonic. Mr. Crompton has been eminently successful in the Y. M. C. A. Boys' department and his departure overseas will be a great loss locally. The good wishes of the members will go with him where the field of usefulness is even larger than here.  
Some adjustment in the present staff of the Y. M. C. A. will be made by the Directors of the local Association to cover the supervision and direction of the boys' work during the absence of its Boys' Secretary.

OLD-STANDING COUGHS

Cured by VENO'S LIGHTNING COUGH CURE  
Veno's Lightning Cough Cure is just as quick to relieve the coughs and bronchitis troubles of the old as it is those of the young. Veno's cures at all ages, and its soothing and healing effect is never more strikingly shown than in the treatment of those old-standing coughs and wheezings, that asthmatic breathlessness from which so many old folks suffer. All coughs yield to Veno's Lightning Cough Cure. Price 30 cents and 60 cents. From druggists and stores throughout Canada.

WILL SEND PETITION TO HON. A. E. KEMP

Citizens Asked to Become Signatories to Appeal Re Soldiers Pensions  
A petition that pensions for soldiers be based not on rank but on injuries suffered and on previous honorable service is being circulated in the city for signature, and will be forwarded to the Hon. Sir A. E. Kemp, K.C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence for the Dominion of Canada, Ottawa.  
The petition sets out in the briefest manner the reasons for its appeal. In the present war, it avers, there is no substantial difference between the officer and the private in social, economic or intellectual standing. All have made the same sacrifice for the cause of righteousness and the honor of their country. The present system of allotting pensions to disabled men in proportion to the rank of the soldier at the time of his incapacitation is considered inequitable in principle, and the First Presbyterian Church in advancing the appeal do so not only in behalf of the 235 men who have gone from their congregations but on behalf of the great body of private soldiers who have volunteered from the Dominion. The Minister of Militia is asked to use his influence to have enacted at the present session of the House of Commons legislation that will amend the Act and gauge pensions on service and incapacity rather than rank.  
The petition will be in the vestibule of the First Presbyterian Church for signatures.

GERMANS IN CHIHUAHUA SPOKE AGAINST STATES

El Paso, March 7.—American passengers arriving here from Chihuahua City brought the first news of a banquet which was given in the Chihuahua state capital by the German residents of that city in honor of General Francisco Murguía, commander of the northwestern military zone.  
According to these passengers, speeches were made at the banquet in abuse of the American people and the United States.

PAINS SHARP AND STABBING

Woman Thought She Would Die. Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Ogdensburg, Wis.—"I suffered from female troubles which caused piercing pains like a knife through my back and side. I finally lost all my strength so I had to go to bed. The doctor advised an operation but I would not let him do it. I thought of what I had read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and tried it. The first bottle brought great relief and six bottles have entirely cured me. All women who have female trouble of any kind should try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. ETNA DONOHUE, Ogdensburg, Wis. Physicians undoubtedly did their best with this case steadily and could do no more, but often the most scientific treatment is surpassed by the medicinal properties of the good old-fashioned roots and herbs contained in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.  
If any complication exists it pays to write the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special free advice.

BIBLE SOCIETY IN ANNUAL MEETING

Noah Shakespeare Elected Honorary President After 25 Years' Association  
At the annual meeting of the Victoria Branch of the Canadian Bible Society, held on Monday night at the Y. M. C. A., interesting reports were read, officers elected, and addresses delivered during the evening by Rt. Rev. Bishop Schofield, Rev. H. S. Osborne, Rev. Dr. Wright and Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick.  
Reports showed that since the war began the British and Foreign Bible Society had distributed among the soldiers and sailors and interned prisoners of the countries now at war more than 5,000,000 copies of the Scriptures in 50 different languages, and the Canadian Bible Society and its auxiliaries have distributed more than 270,000 copies of the Soldiers' Khaki Testament among the Canadian soldiers. A free copy is promised every Canadian who goes overseas. A copy in his own language has been provided for every interned prisoner in Canada. For sick and wounded soldiers and sailors of all nations the society undertakes to present as many Testaments, Gospels and Psalters as are needed to all the Red Cross organizations and field and base hospitals in Great Britain, France, Russia, and any country engaged in the war. These books, bound in khaki, are supplied free of charge, carriage paid, to prisoners of war, interned aliens, and civilian refugees.  
The following amounts were contributed last year by various churches and Sunday schools of the city:  
Anglican Cathedral, \$5; St. John's, \$3; First Baptist, \$2.50; First Presbyterian Church, \$14; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$37; Knox Presbyterian Church, \$3.75; Reformed Episcopal (Church of Our Lord), \$47.10; Wesley Methodist Church \$2; Centennial Methodist Church, \$10; Metropolitan Methodist Church, \$7.50; collection at annual meeting, \$7.10; general subscriptions, \$2.50. So far reported this year: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$14.25; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday School, \$5; St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, \$4.15; Reformed Episcopal, \$16.25; Centennial Methodist, \$60.  
The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Noah Shakespeare, who has been held of the society since its organization a quarter of a century ago; president, Arthur Lee; general committee: Dr. W. Russell and Messrs. R. S. Day, E. A. Jacob, S. O. Bailey, H. T. Knott, W. B. Deaville, N. J. Douglas, W. Beattie, E. J. Daniels, H. Hodges, F. W. Davey, D. Fraser, G. McCandless, T. F. R. Oliver, F. A. Small, W. Sowercroft, W. Walker, James Forman, R. F. Knott, A. C. Charlton, James Middleton, J. W. Walker, M. B. Lloyd, J. B. McKillop, N. H. Smith, A. B. Fraser, W. McClean, John Mitchell, N. J. Chaves, Taylor, J. H. McConnell, and the pastors of the city churches.

BEAUTIFUL HOMES

Are no longer the monopoly of the wealthy. Thanks to the Standard Furnishing Co., to-day the man of moderate means can furnish his home handsomely and even luxuriously, out of wage, salary, or income, weekly, fortnightly, or monthly, on a plan so easy as to make furnishing a pleasure. Call and see us. You will be pleased.  
Three Rooms Furnished Complete, \$200  
\$250, \$300 and Up

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Chinaman States That He Was Robbed in Room Which He Had Rented.  
In the police court this morning the charge of stealing a watch and the sum of \$30 from a Chinaman in a room of the Empire Hotel on Sunday morning last was dealt with. The two men accused of the theft were Hall and Curry. The charge against the latter was withdrawn while the former man was committed for trial.  
In giving evidence before the court this morning the Chinaman who states that he was robbed, said that on entering the hotel on Saturday night last and after some delay was shown to a room by a man who stated he was the proprietor. When they arrived at the apartment, \$30 was paid by the Chinaman, who asked for the key. It appeared, however, that there was no key to be had. He then went out to get some refreshment in Chinatown, and on returning found the man who had shown him upstairs and Hall (the accused) in the rooms. He then demanded that they get out as he had rented and paid for the apartment. Instead of leaving, they immediately proceeded to rob the witness, Hall holding him by the neck while the other man took the money. Trouble then seems to have arisen between the

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Seemed only for men—women worked with the drudgery of past generations—this drudgery shortened lives—UNTIL one man conceived the idea he would do away with the worst of drudgery—the WEEKLY WASH—he experimented—RESULT—the 1900 Electric WASHER washing a tubful of clothes in six minutes—costing only from 1c to 2c for electricity to do the family washing. For further particulars and terms call on—

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Phone 643  
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The 50th Regiment (Gordon) Highlanders of Canada

More men are urgently required by this well-known Vancouver Island Regiment to reinforce the Canadian Scotch Battalion at the front.  
Men must be physically sound and between the ages of 18 and 40.  
PAY  
Single Men—\$1.10 per day, and all clothing and living expenses found.  
Married Men—Wife receives each month cash direct from Government, as follows:  
Half husband's pay, say.....\$17.00  
Separation allowance..... 20.00  
\$37.00  
If necessary this amount will be supplemented from the Canadian Patriotic Fund with sufficient to comfortably maintain your family.  
Those living in country places wishing to join should communicate with the Recruiting Officer,  
50th Regt. Highlanders of Canada,  
Willows Camp,  
Victoria, B. C.  
Transportation will be arranged to Victoria for suitable persons.  
Should applicants from a distance be found medically unfit they will be boarded while in Victoria, and returned to their homes free of charge.  
They will also be provided with a medical certificate stating why they have been refused.  
Join up NOW—while you can do so with the honor which attaches to the Volunteer.

TENDERS

Tenders will be received up to 2 p. m. on Monday, the 12th inst., for work to be done at Numbers 3 and 4 Fire Halls. Specifications can be seen at the office of the undersigned, to whom tenders must be addressed.  
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.  
WM. W. NORTHCOTE,  
Building Inspector.

GRAPE-NUTS

IS RECOGNIZED THE WORLD OVER AS A FOOD OF SUPERIOR FLAVOR AND EXCEPTIONAL NUTRIMENT  
THERE'S A REASON

Open for Play.—The golf links at the Colwood Golf and Country Club are now free of snow and open for play.  
Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

Here is a Local Product of Exceptional Merit, Well Worth a Trial

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GRAPE FRUIT 2-lb. tins	35c	OR ORANGE 4-lb. tins	65c
"DIXI" CEYLON TEA Per lb., 35¢, 3 lbs. for			
\$1.00			
COX'S GELATINE Per packet	10c	QUAKER PEAS 2 cans	25c
LYLE'S GOLDEN SYRUP 2-lb. tins 25¢, 4-lb. tins			
50c			
ENGLISH BORAX 1-lb. pkts.	15c	FRY'S COCOA Per 1/2-lb. tin	25c
STRICTLY FRESH EGGS Local. Guaranteed. Per dozen			
40c			
VAN CAMP'S PORK AND BEANS 2 cans	25c	SHIRRETT'S JELLY POWDERS 4 pkts.	25c
SWEET NAVAL ORANGES 15 for			
25c			
SUNLIGHT or IVORY SOAP 11 bars for	50c	LUX or OLD DUTCH 3 pkts.	25c

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"Quality Grocers," 1817 Government St.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT ASSN.

Tourist Traffic on the Increase; Establishment of Industries Burning Topic

After the executive meeting of the Victoria and Island Development Association yesterday afternoon the annual general meeting took place under the presidency of ex-Alderman Porter at which the annual report of Commissioner Cuthbert together with the financial statement for the past year was disposed of. The report is a lengthy document setting out fully the activities and achievements of the Commission during the past twelve months. The work of Mr. Cuthbert was eulogised in no uncertain terms by every member of the executive and the amount of detail work connected with his public office described as enough for two men. Extracts from the report follow:

**Tourist Traffic Increasing.**

"The only increased revenue obtained by the City of Victoria, for the past three years, with the exception of that arising from the wooden ship industry, and from the making of munitions of war, is that which has been derived from the tourist traffic. For the four years preceding the organization of this Association, the tourist traffic had been steadily falling off. From the commencement of our work a complete change took place and this business commenced to increase, and has developed until this last year it became greater than at any period in the history of the city. We may fairly claim the usual relation of cause and effect."

**Work Established.**

"It is gratifying to know that some of the effects of our work in previous years are still evident amongst us, and particularly the public market, which is year by year becoming a greater factor in the development of our adjacent lands, and in keeping down the cost of living.

"In the Victoria Seed Growers' Association, inaugurated by us, we have a solution of how to make high priced lands pay an interest on the investment. The exhibit at the Home Products Fair demonstrated beyond a doubt that the finest seeds in the world could be grown around Victoria, and those who have experimented in this line of work are satisfied with the returns they have obtained from their industry."

**Plain Speaking Necessary.**

Much of the discussion at the general meeting centred itself on the subject of industries, there being both pertinent questions as to reason for non-success in this regard as well as a good deal of self-introspection on the actual or problematic outlook for development along purely industrial lines. The report continued:

"It is time for plain speaking in the City of Victoria. No one man, whether he be an industrial commissioner or a chairman of a committee, can bring industries to the city by his own efforts. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink, and neither can you let him drink if there is no water.

**Costly Sites.**

"Several industries of an extremely important nature have been canvassed, and men interested in them introduced to our citizens. It is inadvisable to mention them, except two cases dealing with the iron and steel industry and the building of steel ships. These gentlemen, who were known to be desirous of establishing such an industry in the province, were put in touch with some of our business men. They were shown sites around the city; they canvassed the situation from end to end, but finally they made up their minds to establish the industry elsewhere. Various reasons were given, the most important were the prohibitive cost of a site, and that the citizens of Victoria were not willing to take any financial interest in their concerns."

**Mining Development.**

On the subject of the mining revival and the work of the Association in securing better smelting facilities Mr. Cuthbert makes the following observations in reference to the cost of smelting operations at Ladysmith as compared with the old scale of charges in Tacoma.

"It is sufficient to say that one company can ship ore to the smelter at a cost of \$1.75 per ton, whereas previously it cost them over \$5.00 per ton to ship to Tacoma. Surely this will have an influence on the development of mining and upon the business men of Victoria and the Coast."

**Tourists and Residents.**

"The other matter to which the Association has devoted most of its efforts has been the encouragement of the tourist travel and the securing of new residents. These did not require any capital, outside of what the Association had at its command, and, therefore, we were able, unhampered, to exploit our climate and our scenery, our clean, well-governed and attractive city in our own way. We have used every means at our command in order to secure summer and winter tourists, knowing full well that from the ranks of these come eventually the permanent residents. It is gratifying to be able to point to the results as stated in the opening paragraph of this report."

**Hotels' Big Business.**

"The summer tourist last year was of an infinitely better class than in any previous year. He spent more time in the city and more money in our stores. The winter business has been the best ever experienced by the city of Victoria. It is no secret that some of the hotels for December, January and February did a record business, while there is scarcely a suite of furnished rooms to be had in Victoria."

**Usage of Advertisement.**

Illustrative of the type of letter from intending visitors received at the Commissioner's office the following is taken at random from a large collection. The

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communication from Shanghai and reads: "I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 23, together with literature and newspaper, for which please accept sincere thanks. My wife and children will be leaving here in May next I hope, and I shall follow your advice."

**Publicity from Railways.**

In connection with his work in interesting the railway companies to a correct appreciation of the virtues of Victoria, the Commissioner was able to convince them that this city was not a place through which tourists should be rushed, but on the contrary a spot in which to make a stay and eventually build a home. He says:

"It has been our good fortune to secure the friendship and the active cooperation of all the big railway companies, and especially of the Canadian Pacific, the great American roads, and the Grand Trunk Pacific. They have included some excellent illustrated articles on Victoria, and have given us much increased publicity. They have secured from us for their future issues more information still, especially upon the new observatory and our golf links."

**Credit Balance.**

The financial statement covering the year from February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917, there shows, on a total income for the twelve months of \$3,529.55, a credit balance on January 31, last year, of \$48.64 and on January 31, 1917, of \$52.63, totalling income over expenditure for the twelve months' work of \$64.17.

### GREAT BENEFIT FROM TOURIST ASSOCIATION

Mayor Todd Eulogizes Hard Workers for Pacific N. W. Organization

In a communication to the executive committee of the Victoria and Island Development Association yesterday afternoon, His Worship the Mayor alludes to his expectancy of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association being financially supported, and that active work of that body might reasonably be looked for within the next few weeks. He drew, in his letter, particular attention to the work of Joshua Kingham, J. L. Beckwith and Frank Higgins, through whose untiring energy a large measure of the success in its formation was due. Members at the meeting testified to the fact that these gentlemen had not only given their time but had cheerfully borne their own expenses occasioned by their attendance at various meetings in Washington and Oregon.

**Two States' Appropriations.**

His Worship stated that Washington and Oregon had each voted \$45,000 for the association, which is contingent upon British Columbia following with \$22,500, to be spread over a two years' campaign—\$11,250 for 1917 and a like sum for 1918. His Worship further emphasizes the fact that the culmination of several years of efforts bids fair to an extremely satisfactory result, particularly so since B. C. has secured one-third of the control of the association, providing only one-fifth of the cost of its operation. Another source of gratification to the Mayor is the appointment of a British Columbian, in the person of Mr. Cuthbert, as its secretary.

**Good Investment.**

On the subject of the secretary's expenses in connection with the formation of the International organization having been borne by the V. and I. D. A., he is of the opinion that the investment will be a good one for the city of Victoria. The expenditure in question has placed Victoria in touch with prominent railway people and publicity men of the International Northwest, which fact alone, the Mayor considers, should prove of very great value, apart from the benefits to be derived from the new tourist organization itself.

It was the grammar class and the teacher had asked for words ending with "ous." "Can anyone," she said, "give me a word like 'dangerous,' meaning full of danger; 'hazardous,' full of hazard?" A boy in the back row put up his hand. "Pleasant, mis," he said, "pleas," full of plei!

"How is your new house coming along?" "First rate. We've got the roof and the mortgage on."

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Thursday, each		Thursday, each	

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Heavy Linen Muckaback Towels, size 19x35. Price, each	25c	Table Cloths, linen finish, size 62x78. Each	\$1.75
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We are showing a number of Smart Models in navy, black and sand serge, with large sailor collars of white corded silk, finished with smart pockets and belt. Skirt is full finished with belt. Price.....\$27.50

### Attractive New Spring Sweaters for Women

One Smart Model is made in coarse knit, with collar, cuffs and belt of fine weave. Colors sage, gold, rose, canary, pink, grey, navy and white. Price.....\$9.75

A Stylish Sweater, made in plain and fancy weaves. Coat is cut full length, trimmed with large sailor collar, wide cuffs and saak. Shade of emerald with white stripes, pink with white, canary with canary and white, coral with white. Price.....\$19.00

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### AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SEED POTATOES

Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee Makes Considerable Progress With Arrangements

At the meeting of the Vacant Lot Committee yesterday afternoon, the special committee to purchase seeds reported that they had made a number of inquiries with regard to potatoes, and asked authority to purchase some for seed. Alderman Dilworth and the Provincial Horticulturist were requested to purchase five tons, Early Rose, Raleigh, and possibly other favorite varieties. It was stated by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture that best seed would cost \$70 a ton, and he advised against delaying the purchase.

The committee finds a considerable divergence of opinion with regard to the purchase of other classes of seed, and so decided to leave the matter entirely to the direction of individual taste.

Necessary arrangements were made for the purchase of implements for cultivation, and plowing will start at once, plowing, discing and harrowing to be done at a flat rate of \$2.50 per lot. It was shown that this would save a considerable sum.

The water question was very fully discussed, and two-thirds of the proposal adopted. The first and second clauses, as adopted, will give vacant lot cultivators water at 50 per cent. discount, and will halve the cost of water installations as at present fixed. The third point, and one which affects everyone who is taking a lot next door, with a view to irrigate from the existing water tap in his own garden, was not decided upon, but is to be dealt with next Friday. One way of meeting this situation would be to allow the householder on a fixed basis above the consumption of the summer months of 1916, but since the committee could not agree on a satisfactory basis, it was decided to confer again with the water commissioner.

Participation in the provincial garden competitions was resolved upon, details to be drafted later. Possibly a demonstration plot, in some central location, will be arranged by the Department of Agriculture.

Mayor Todd's resolution to rebate five per cent. taxation on cultivated lots was laid over.

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### RE-OPENING MINE AND BUILDING OVENS

Impetus to Coal Industry in Comox District; Coking at Union Bay

News of great developments in the coal mining industry comes from Cumberland, the centre of activity of the Comox mining country.

Preparations are under way to re-open No. 5 mine. A large force of men is now employed completing repairs and improvements and the repair work will be finished in about two weeks. This mine will be put in operation as soon as the work is completed and it is generally understood that coal will be hoisted by the middle of the present month. This mine when closed down in November, 1914 had an output of one thousand to twelve hundred tons per day and employed a large force of white men exclusively.

During the year 1914 and at the time No. 5 was shut down, foreign fuel oil imported into the province duty free, demoralized the coal trade and compelled the owners to shut down the mine, throwing a large number of white miners idle, causing them to leave the district and seek employment elsewhere.

To meet the increased demand for coke the Canadian Collieries Dunsmuir Ltd. have decided to build something over one hundred additional coke ovens at Union Bay. When the new ovens are completed there will be about two hundred and fifty coke ovens in operation at Union Bay.

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