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## Convenient Interpretation

### Government Official Reports on Ymir Hoopitai Scandal—The Mirror's Allegation Sustained.

Last Saturday's "Progress" told as succinctly as might be for the thorough presentation of the story, how a condition of affairs very closely bordering upon anarchy has been brought about at the Kootenay mining town of Ymir. That narrative trespassed sadly upon the limited space at command, but no apologies need be offered therefor. The facts are coming out which demonstrate that too much publicity cannot be secured for the crying need for drastic reforms, and promptly, too, in Ymir's public affairs. Briefly, the situation is this:

C. Dell Smith, editor of the Ymir Mirror, being pressed to publish information in connection with the Ymir General hospital, statistics to which (since it is a public institution) the public had every legitimate right of access, and being refused such information by the hospital authorities, sent to the Finance Department in Victoria, for copies of the returns required by statute in order that the hospital might claim the customary capitation grant on patients treated.

He was interviewed by delegates allegedly representing the local Miners' Union, which controls the hospital management, and informed that if he disclosed the financial affairs of the hospital, he and his paper would be officially boycotted, and driven from the camp for the performance of journalistic duty to the public.

The figures were published. And C. Dell Smith and the Ymir Mirror were forthwith well boycotted. Advertisers were forced to withdraw their patronage, and for his consistent devotion to his duty as a public journalist. Dell Smith has been beggared and is now driven from the camp.

That his charges—insofar as the hospital is concerned—are true, is shown by the official report of Mr. W. J. Goepel, Inspector of Public Offices, sent by the Minister of Finance to audit the accounts of the hospital, upon the Mirror's suggestion that returns had been falsified to permit of a steal being made from the public purse. That report is now in the hands of the government, and attached thereto are analyses of receipts and expenditures from the beginning of 1902 to the end of February last, similar analyses of receipts on account of new hospital buildings—buildings account, and of expenditures under the same heads, summary of statements, and statement of sundry items of expenditure for which no vouchers are produced, the exhibits being closed with an analysis of the surgeon's register. Mr. Goepel's report proceeds:

"The items of expenditure were carefully compared with vouchers produced and found to agree, with the exception of sundry sums amounting to \$108.77 for which no vouchers were produced. The secretary promises to procure them as far as possible. The cash book for the month of December, 1903, having been mutilated, there will be no possibility of producing vouchers for the \$36.50 included in statement J, as there are no details to guide. Referring to statement K, the hospital board have placed a very wide and liberal construction on the Hospital Aid Act 1902 as to "days' treatment," as will be noticed by the monthly returns made between 1st of July, 1902, and 31st of December, 1903, which aggregate 5,526 days, whereas actually patients were lying in the hospital only 3,145 days between those dates. A very large proportion of the patients were living outside (there being in the Old Hospital building very little accommodation) when treated in the hospital, most of the cases being of a surgical nature and not sufficiently serious to prevent the patients from attending at the hospital for treatment. The surgeon admits, however, that on 158 (estimated) days of the 5,526 days charged, the patients were treated away from the hospital, so that if the Board's construction of the Act be allowed, the

5,526 days charged on the various returns between 1st July, 1902, and 31st December, 1903, will be reduced to 5,368. If the Act contemplates that "days' treatment" shall mean only when a patient is actually lying in the hospital, then the hospital has been paid \$3,032.19 too much between the dates mentioned, as from statement K it was only entitled to \$999.28, but received \$4,051.45. The Miners' Union at Ymir are financing the hospital, as will be seen by statement I, the hospital owing the union on the 29th February, 1904, the sum of \$1,447.01. No title has yet been given by the railway company to lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, Block XXXV., Ymir, on which the hospital stands, but it has been suggested that if a benevolent society be formed for that purpose, the railway company may be induced to make a free grant of the property. In the interests of the public it would appear that this step should be taken. The present board have as directors: A. Burgess, president; William Beaton, vice-president; B. McIsaac, secretary and janitor. These form also the executive of the Miners' Union at Ymir. The surgeon of the hospital is Dr. G. F. Duncan; the matron is Miss McDowell; and the salaries paid per month are: Surgeon, \$125; matron, \$45 and board; nurse, \$30 and board; secretary-janitor, \$50—\$250. The hospital is well situated, is of great benefit to the miners in the vicinity of Ymir, and is kept scrupulously clean. On the 31st ultimo there were three patients living in the hospital."

The interpretation claimed to have been put upon the Act would certainly be "liberal" in the extreme; it is so liberal as to be declared preposterous and impossible by all governmental, hospital and business experts who can be induced to discuss it seriously. Taken in connection with the extremes to which the board were prepared to go to prevent exposure of their interpretation, it calls for yet more direct arraignment. What the next step by the Government will be, is not yet announced, although it is to be presumed that it will be directed by the Attorney-General, and the Provincial Secretary's departments in conjunction.

Meanwhile the Mirror's charges that the administration of justice in Ymir is as corrupt as the hospital book-keeping, remain to be passed upon. Chief Constable Young, who was detailed to investigate specific charges preferred against Constable Forrester, has not yet reported.

And the man who exposed the rottenness of conditions at Ymir is driven out of the camp a beggar, because he did his journalistic duty.

Victoria is threatened with something a little worse than a strike, since if the action contemplated by the members of the fire department is carried out, the city will be very much at the mercy of a conflagration should one occur. The firemen, as is well known, have for some time past complained bitterly of the insufficiency of their salaries and have time and time again pointed out to the Council how inferior they are to the salaries paid for precisely similar services in other cities of the Coast where the cost of living is identical. It has been the Council's ruling at each presentation of the case that no advances shall be granted. In consequence a meeting of all the men, call and permanent, was held a few days ago, at which a committee of three from each branch of the department was named to draft what might be termed an ultimatum and secure the signatures of all the members of the brigade. It was in effect a flat declaration that increases must be forthcoming or the city will lose the services by resignation of its trained and experienced fire-fighters. "Raise or resign" was to be the watchword. Chief Engineer Watson and Assistant Chief McDowell, the latter a call man, are mentioned as the only members of the brigade not attending or expressing cordial sympathy with the objects of the meeting.

Since the above was written it is learned that the demand for increases is likely to be shelved, the "ultimatum" failing to obtain the signatures of all concerned. The call men were all ready to affix their signatures with the exception of Assistant Chief McDowell and Mr. W. Duncan, the latter, Progress is informed, having been one of those to suggest the move. "The majority of the permanent men, however, deem it to give moral sanction a further trial.

## Victoria's Fire Preparedness.

### Opinions Differ as to How This City Would Meet the Test of a Really Large Blaze.

The great fire in Toronto, by which upwards of thirteen millions of dollars' worth of property has been consumed—and fire losses unlike any others known to business, a utter and complete waste—followed only last week by the expensive visitation of Fernie in our own province, must set Victorians thinking on the text: "How is this city prepared for dealing with the conflagration of such character should it occur in this city?" Fire comes like a thief in the night—none may know when an all-consuming conflagration is to be precipitated by carelessness, spontaneous combustion, or that new ogre of the underwriters, defective installation of electric wires.

How then is Victoria defended against a visitation?

Parentetically it may be mentioned that the city has been miraculously fortunate heretofore. As against the millions of dollars lost in single fires in other cities of the province, and the Pacific Northwest—Vancouver, Seattle and New Westminster, to come very near home—the greatest fire loss for this happy community totalled but \$110,725 for the highest month on record, the month of December, 1901, when the destruction of Spencer's Arcade contributed to the figures. The largest number of alarms for any month to this date is only 21, in August, 1902. There are few cities in the world that show as satisfactory a statement.

Yet the very fact of past immunity may be a danger in begetting carelessness in preparation or a too confident trust in that unreliable factor known as luck. It may be that Victoria's fire test is yet to come. How then are we prepared to meet it?

### WHAT CHIEF WATSON SAYS.

"In my opinion the city was never in a better position than now to cope with any fire that may occur," optimistically declares Fire Chief Watson, discussing the question suggested. "Our water pressure averages seventy pounds, and we have, as a rule, a plentiful supply of water for all fire fighting purposes. The 24-inch main, of course, feeds the city. With our general pressure we can, if using properly distributed mains, use the three steamers simultaneously with five or six hydrant streams, and still have pressure sufficiently strong for all such hydrant streams to be serviceable."

"As for our equipment: We have at headquarters two first-class engines in service and one in reserve—the reserve steamer, of course, being kept in A1 condition and ready to use at any moment's notice. We have also at headquarters one double sixty-gallon Champion chemical; one Aerial truck with seventy-two and fifty-foot ladder extensions, carrying a water tower, if necessary, one Broadway fire saving net, and one yoke-bader smoke helmet; there is also one hose carriage with a capacity of 1,000 feet, and 3,000 feet of reserve hose in good condition—making a total of 8,000 feet of hose in the department."

"At the James Bay station there is a hose wagon with five 60-gallon chemical extinguishers, 800 feet of hose, and two permanent men. The Yates street station has a combination chemical and hose wagon, with one sixty-gallon chemical tank, 700 feet of hose, and two men. Victoria West has a double 60-gallon combination chemical with 700 feet of hose, and again two men. At Oakland they have a sixty-gallon chemical tank fitted on a one-horse four-wheeled hose wagon, a hand hose reel with about 400 feet of hose, and a volunteer department of which Mr. W. Clarke is in general charge. Our headquarters staff includes twelve permanent men, drivers and engineers, and eighteen call men. Drills are held weekly to give refreshment in every branch of fire fighting, and I am of the opinion that the discipline and cohesion of the brigade is at present all that could be desired.

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# Terse Tales of the Town

## Firemen Discuss an Ultimatum—Systematic Re-numbering a Live City Need—The Local News.

The precise position in the social scheme of man's faithful friend The Dog should be an interesting topic for discussion by Victoria's debating clubs during some time to come. It has the merit of being less hackneyed than the time-honored rivalry betwixt the Sword and the Pen, the Pulpit or the Press as an Educative Influence, or even the resolution that War is a Greater Evil than Slavery and that the Cure of Drink is to prevent the proposed Canada-Mexican direct steamship line from going to Vancouver. That city and its press of course desire that Victoria be made a casual port of call.

The attention of His Worship Mayor Barnard and the worthy gentlemen who compose his council, is most respectfully directed to a little matter coming well within the jurisdiction and in which it is high time that action was taken. This is the street numbering system. Perhaps "system" is a word used out of place, for there is at present no system about street numbering in Victoria. In the historic days gone by, someone took it upon himself to number the streets then occupied by business houses or for residential purposes, with the concurrence of the municipal fathers of that long-past day. The rule was simple and of a simple nature, and was to every thirty feet of frontage, placing odd numbers upon one side of the street and even numbers on the other. The result was fairly satisfactory at that particular time. But Victoria has advanced since then, and the twentieth century finds it without any intelligible or comprehensive numbering system. This is one thing that it should have, for the convenience of strangers and of business men and citizens also. The old haphazard system, and the principle of the past does not do in the present age. It is time all the city were re-numbered and upon a recognized and understandable plan. The 100-to-a-block system in vogue in Vancouver and other cities is the one that the city should be introduced without any further delay, especially since it is the fact that there is constant confusion over the numbers now in existence, and Victoria West, East and North Victoria are not numbered at all, which is a very serious matter. By the hundreds-block system one (no matter how much of a stranger he may be to the place) can tell where he is. The stranger knowing the number of the house he desires to find, can easily locate it by dropping off the car in the particular hundred block that he is in search of. And the system works out conveniently in many other ways. Will the council not show itself progressive in this comparatively simple matter, and make arrangements for an intelligent numbering of the city?

Mr. J. H. Hawthorthwaite, M. L. A., who was quoted in an evening paper recently as on the point of withdrawing his hard-to-define allegiance to the provincial government, was asked, for point-blank questions, "Progress" yesterday. One was as to the reason for the non-issue of deeds to the settlers within the E. & N. railway belt in whose behalf his Settlers' Relief Act of last session was passed. He gave the statute book. The member for Nanaimo denied that any intention had been shown by the government adverse to such issue. Progress was being made in the matter, he said. Necessarily the government had to move slowly, select the strongest cases first for the issue of deeds, in order that the act might be successfully defended should the railway company take the matter to test in the courts, as they will unquestionably do. Mr. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., had also been retained by the government to champion the settlers in such event. Asked as to his opinion on the recent proposals for an extension of railway facilities to the north end of the Island, and the government's stance thereupon, Mr. Hawthorthwaite declared that he had given no attention to the subject, nor proposed to. The matter of railways did not affect the condition of the workers in any respect, and he was therefore dismissed it as extraneous matter. The probability of a summer session, or the improbability thereof, is an

other matter with respect to which Mr. Hawthorthwaite is letting others do all the thinking and the worrying. As for the rumor current in Nanaimo a few days ago that, fearing the consequences should his protecting arms be suddenly withdrawn, the government had proffered a portfolio, Nanaimo's member created the false question by usually remarking that he could not as a Socialist think of accepting office in any capitalist administration. He did not say, however, that the proposition had not been advanced. He appears to be satisfied that the government is making progress with his settlers' deeds—but meanwhile he prefers to remain in Victoria and keep prodding the ministers.

Mr. Alexander Beeg, who has just returned from a flying visit to New York and other Eastern centres, has again placed before the provincial government his project for the introduction of a community of Scottish crofters on the West Coast of the Island, a project which, it will be remembered, received a most conspicuous place in the programme of the late Hon. John Robson, but which with the vacation of the premiership by his death, was allowed to drop from sight. The Imperial government had agreed to loan a sum of \$750,000 at 3 per cent. to further the proposed colonization. Amended proposals have now been laid before Premier McBride, and Mr. Beeg has received assurance that they will be carefully considered by the executive at an early meeting.

One goes to the Vancouver newspaper to learn that Victoria's board of trade and business community are endeavoring to prevent the proposed Canada-Mexican direct steamship line from going to Vancouver. That city and its press of course desire that Victoria be made a casual port of call.

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Mr. Downe, himself a capitalist and the representative of other Eastern capital, which is to be invested in the Quatsino Power & Pulp Co., and Mr. Irving T. Cole, a prominent Seattle lawyer, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city arranging for the beginning of work on the company's enterprise. The first cruisers left for Hardy Bay on the Tees on Thursday night, and will be followed by a hydraulic engineer next Thursday.

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ness improvements are temporarily checked for the same reason. The addition of another story to the popular Dominion hotel has been postponed, and the contractor accepts this reason again for the postponement. It appears, however, that the prospect of labor difficulties in the building trades is not altogether to blame in this instance, although it has played its part. Mr. Jones sensibly did not care to have his house torn up for extension during the busiest season of the year. There was, however, a measure of justification for the report referred to. A very eloquent example of the present condition of affairs in the labor market was afforded in the fact that, tenders being asked for the plastering and extension of the Dominion, but one bid was received. It was that of the Master Plasterers' Association or Union, and with it came the intimation that there would be no other offer. The Association now has the affairs of the trade in a monopolistic form apparently, and can dictate prices and conditions at its pleasure.

The Senate of Canada has now borne a hand in the question of accepting American silver at par in the Dominion. Sir Mackenzie Bowell taking the ground that there should be some measure of reciprocity in this matter, and pointing out that Canadian silver is discounted by the American banks while American silver (worth much less than par) is accepted here at its face value. Hon. Messrs. McMillan and the other Canadian banks refuse all American money save at a twenty per cent discount. Hon. Mr. Dornville's bill to make the English shilling a legal tender has been "stood over" with a view to the introduction of amendments covering American coinage as well.

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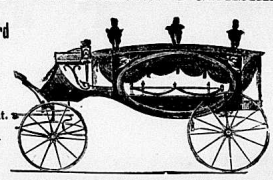
Mr. Harry Walker, who has lately sold out his Cumberland business, is in town for a few days. He will return to Cumberland, but he is to attend to his affairs there, after which he will return here to reside permanently. Mr. Walker is well known and will be welcomed by his old friends.

The reduced summer rates are now in force on the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway and should stimulate increased and heavy passenger traffic on this now popular line. They are: Duncan and return, \$1; children, 50 cents; Shuswap and Lake Umbagog return, 75 cents; children 40 cents; Goldstream and return, 50 cents; children, 25 cents.

There has been so very much discussion on a couple of days of the Victoria City Council with respect to the additional charge upon revenue involved in the increases passed by the Police Commissioners (and from which the Council appealed without success) that it is not surprising to note that the amount involved is in reality but \$900. The new patrol wagon will cost \$500; \$150 is allowed for maintenance; and the increase in salaries will total \$250 for the six months from June 1st.

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"Enquirer" seeks information as to how long it will be before the big cars are running on the Esquimalt route. The exact period that must elapse is somewhat indefinite. It will probably be about two months. The work of constructing the Rock Bay causeway will be begun Monday, and as there is a filling to be made some five hundred feet long and fifteen to eighteen feet deep, with a sixty-foot roadway to be built afterward, with fourteen thousand cubic yards of filling to be disposed of and settled, it cannot be done in a day. When the crossing of Rock Bay bridge is done away with, it is understood that the five ton force, traffic being thereby vastly stimulated, as well as the erection of residences on or near the Esquimalt and its tributary thoroughfares.

A resident of Victoria West writes to Progress complaining in bitter terms that the residents of Mary and Russell streets are subjected to considerable inconvenience and annoyance through the practice of the E. & N. people leaving their cars standing across one or other of the streets named—Mary street is more particularly mentioned—during the process of washing them. Inquiries by Progress reporters bring the information that to a great extent the justice of the complaint has already been removed. If there be any further grievance, no doubt the attention of the management needs only to be directed to it to assure a reform of conditions.

Kamloops rejoices in the promise of a modern four-story hotel to be known as the Hotel Cecil, promoted by Mr. Cecil Ward, formerly of this city, and which is to cost \$35,000 or \$40,000. Mr. Ward has also succeeded in floating a big irrigation scheme by means of the Fruitlands irrigation canal, and an equally extensive immigration project.

# News of the Province.

## Revised Statistics of Fernie Fire—The Tory Lion and Conservative Lamb—A Pitiful Tragedy.

As Progress went to press last week the first fragmentary reports had been received of the great fire at Fernie, which by the entire business portion of that little town was laid in ashes. Later and maturely considered detail reports show that half a million dollars' loss rather than being an exaggeration, falls by perhaps an even quarter million to approximate the actual total. Indeed one conservative appraiser makes the aggregate of the utter waste involved \$810,000, with less than \$240,000 insurance. The only business buildings left standing in the town are the B. C. Furniture Company's, the Free Press office, Rigor's tobacco store, McDougall's shoe shop, the Central hotel, Prest's photographic studio, the very busy, and the Northern hotel. The completeness of the general destruction is well indicated when one is able thus more expeditiously to enumerate the remaining premises than those destroyed. And it cannot be said that Fernie's citizens have not to a large extent the town's calamity on their own heads, for all were well aware of the danger which constantly menaces such a community of closely-built frame structures, especially when the provision for adequate water supply and a well drilled and organized fire department is denied. These have, for some time past, been held in abeyance, pending incorporation of the town, which in its turn has postponed awaiting the decision of the Court Company's opposition. While waiting, the community trusted to luck or chance; and now they have to pay the natural penalty. Upon no feature of the conflagration have the despatches been more emphatic than with respect to the cause. The stereotype explanation of badly insulated electric wires was at first put forward, but seems to be decidedly negated by the announcement of the company electrician, Mr. Brown, that he had inspected the wires under suspicion only the day before and knew them to be precisely as they should be. Possibly investigation is on foot of which at the present juncture it is deemed better to be reticent. Even at this distance one upon suspicious-exciting circumstances to which it would be well for the police to give their very best attention. The spirit of the town is shown in the fact that its ashes were not yet cold before the leading citizens were planning for rebuilding, property owners being consulted as to the widening of Victoria avenue, and the Dominion government urged to take the present opportunity for the erection of a long-needed post office and custom house. The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, Canadian Bank of Commerce, and William Tuttle, of the Royal hotel, are the first to put their declarations on record. The latter list of fire sufferers and their insurance: Trites-Wood Co., total loss, buildings and stock \$120,000, insurance \$80,000; C. Richards & Co., general merchandise, \$140,000, insurance \$28,000; P. J. loss \$40,000, insurance \$28,000; J. L. Gates, Alberta Hotel, loss \$5,000, insurance \$1,000; Bank of Commerce, loss \$8,000, insurance not known, contents of one safe smoking; J. Storer, tinware and plumber, stock loss \$5,000, insurance \$2,000; building, loss \$2,000, insurance \$500; T. Beck, stores \$1,400, insurance \$300; Crow's Nest Trading Co., loss \$31,000, covered for \$21,000; Hercher & Hercher, loss \$30,000; J. W. Hercher, loss \$20,000; Ross & Alexander, law firm, loss \$1,000, insurance \$900; Alberta Hotel property, belonging to Levasseur estate, loss \$20,000; J. D. Quail, hardware, loss \$20,000, insurance \$7,000; B. Ware & Reese, \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; Drs. J. Donall & Corsan, office \$600 and fixtures, etc., \$400, insurance \$350; A. C. Laphard, stock loss \$4,000, insurance \$3,000; Hill block, owned by W. L. Thompson, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,500; F. Street Brewing Co., \$8,000 lost in kegs, pumps, etc.; Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co., buildings, loss \$6,000, no insurance; loss of note book, valuable plans, etc.; W. W. Tuttle, Royal Hotel, loss \$30,000, insurance \$10,000; A. J. Purdy & Co., fancy goods, etc., loss \$20,000, insurance \$2,000; Dr. Barber, \$200, insured; McEwen & Slings, tailors, loss \$3,700, insurance \$800; per-

sonal effects of former lost, with no insurance; drug store, Hazelwood & Sudbury, loss \$8,000, insurance \$4,000; J. F. Jarvis, Victoria Hotel, stock, loss \$2,500, insurance \$1,500; Victoria Hotel building, owned by Mitchell, or Cowley, loss \$12,000, insurance \$7,000; stock and fittings, Muskoka Hotel, \$5,000, insurance \$2,000; P. Carosella, general merchandise and liquor, \$8,000, insurance \$4,000; Cree & Hutchison, \$500, covered by insurance; F. J. Watson, \$500, partly insured; A. Farquhar, stores, Muskoka Hotel, \$5,000, insurance \$2,000; J. Turner, block, loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,500; Senkbeil, \$14,000, insurance \$6,000; Burns & Co., \$4,000, insured; Calgary, \$100, not considered. The Fernie Fire, first considered with commendable and characteristic enterprise, issued an extra from the smoking ruins of the day of the fire, to give the world the news.

The Nelson Conservative Association, having rescinded its censure resolutions upon the government, passed at the time of Mr. Houston's disappointment of ministerial ambitions, diplomatic relations between it and the McBride government have been restored. The chasm has been bridged, but the dependability of the bridge is still a trifle doubtful. The only official announcement is something to the effect that "all differences in the Conservative party at Nelson are now ended and universal confidence and perfect harmony restored." How completely this is the fact is shown by the circumstances that the anti-Houstonites have organized as the Liberal-Conservative Union and sent a solemn remonstrance to Premier McBride that they be given control of the district patronage. And to meet this indication of a true friendly spirit, the old association has this week sent Mr. Blakenmore as a delegate to Premier McBride to inquire upon that point of the district patronage. And to meet this indication of a true friendly spirit, the old association has this week sent Mr. Blakenmore as a delegate to Premier McBride to inquire upon that point of the district patronage.

And to all of these several and cumulative representations the Premier has wisely promised his most serious consideration, in earnest of which he has indited an epistle to the President of the old truce-making society saying that he would endeavor to hear from that body again. But meanwhile Messrs. W. A. Macdonald and John Elliott, the authors and guiding spirits of the Union, control the patronage.

A fortnight ago there was no happier little home in British Columbia than that of Driver Samuel E. Coulter, of the Nelson Fire Department; today there is none more absolutely overwhelmed by crushing sorrow. The story of poor Coulter's successive heavy afflictions may well be pondered by those who prate of trifles and troubles. As told of last week in "Progress," little Allen Egerton Coulter, the curly-haired first-born, just turned four years old, wandered away from home on a misty morning of Friday, and was proclaimed as missing as soon as the child's absence was noted, half the men of Nelson, led by Mayor Hamilton, beating the mountain-side, and the following day the little wanderer was found quite innocently as he lay in a mountain stream. He had steadily climbed the rugged mountain to far above the snowline, fully five miles from his home—a stiff climb for sturdy men—and had died of sheer exhaustion. The little body was sadly exposed on the following Monday the funeral was held, almost all Nelson attending. It was while the family was at the cemetery, the half-distracted mother insisting upon accompanying the tiny coffin to the grave, that the second tragedy, a toddler of but three, playing about the strangely-silent house, found a bottle of the preservative fluid left by the undertaker. He toyed with it, childlike, until it became unworkable. The temptations were allowed and the tragedy of the funeral party was made immeasurably tragic by the discovery of the second baby corpse. Completely broken by this second awful blow, the mother became violently hysterical. She still remains in bed, and according to Nelson residents her medical attendants have the greatest fears for either her life or reason.

While not understanding the people, their customs or their philosophy, British journalists are inclined to refer to the Finnish members of the Kalevan Kansan Colonization Company of Malcolm Island and with something of the patronizing air of established superiority. It is doubtful if any similar comparison can be made with the Finnish as many deeply-read students and profound thinkers along the lines of practical social reform. The colony itself is an advanced Socialist experiment decidedly well worth watching. Its preservation by the constant observation by such stalwarts and reformers as Count Leo Tolstoy, albeit British Colonians seldom give it so much as a passing thought. The leaders are men of reputation among the thinkers of England, and the more perfect and ascetic Socialists—they are working

out in practice on a small scale an almost ideal Socialist plan for society's reorganization and regeneration. The mettle of the people was sternly proved when fire swept their little settlement two years or so ago, claiming a dozen lives and reducing the principal structures of the colony to ash. The settlement was set to work manfully at once and rebuilt their community. Last week another object lesson was afforded of the quality of the little-appreciated people. The party of the day, Premier Watson, on the Nimpkish, was destroyed by fire, the hapless owner losing virtually his all. With their own disaster fresh in memory, the colonists at once proffered their deepest sympathy. They did more, for without waiting for a suggestion they proceeded to convey all needed materials to the scene and in two days rebuilt the house and equipped it with all home essentials. It is such actions that contrast the verdict of universities and self-worship with the courage and confidence to the unfortunate to take up life's burden with cheerful determination to make best use of all their opportunities. That Finnish colony is worthy of being more generally and thoughtfully known. It aims at deeper and truer reformation of the social scheme than do the politicians.

The members of the B. C. Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association in special assembly assembled at Vancouver have formally and by resolution "ripped with alarm" the inroads which are being made upon their market by freely admitted competitive American lumber, directing the attention of the federal government by wire to the alleged pressing demands for tariff amendment in this particular respect. There is the smallest imaginable likelihood of these representations having the slightest weight, the government at Ottawa being convinced that the lumber industry in British Columbia lies in a fair readjustment of freight rates rather than the tariff, in which connection the Railway Commission will, no doubt, be heard from when it visits the West. It assuredly would be a sounder policy for the federal government to re-enact a duty made an end of by the protection-favoring Conservatives, and with the understandable uncompromising opposition of the prairie voters to any such course. But whatever the solution of the difficulty offered by the federal ministers, the question is bound to play a conspicuous part in the next federal campaign in British Columbia's interior districts. And it must especially affect the chances of Messrs. Galt, Mackintosh, Durean Ross and Burrill.

Hon. F. W. Aylmer, Dominion engineer, was in Vernon last week to examine and report on the proposal to connect the interior of the province with Long lake at Vernon, thus adding considerably to the navigable area of Long lake. It is understood Mr. Aylmer will report favorably on the proposal, and that a sum will be provided for the construction of a canal of the work. Mr. Aylmer left Friday morning for Beaton to examine and report on the proposal to dredge a channel there to allow steamers to run up to the townsite at low water.

The N. Y. K. steamers will resume service between Japan and the Sound at the end of the month, proof positive that Japan is convinced that there is no longer any fear of the Russians by sea.

God and Michel were visited by disastrous fires this week. In that of the former town, the Golden & East Kootenay Trading Company were the chief sufferers, losing \$12,000. At Michel, Dudley's boarding house was destroyed, the loss of \$10,000. Fifty or more boarders having narrow escapes. The Trites-Wood Company, who were the heaviest losers in the Fernie fire, again received a scorching at Michel.

Mrs. Peter Clare, wife of a miner living in Xelkwa, died last week by a mortal wound lanced last week by a mischance shot from a .22 repeating rifle in the hands of Mrs. M. P. Villeneuve. The latter had been experimenting with the weapon, and accidentally sent a shot unintentionally through the door of the Clare's home, striking Mrs. Clare in the hip, penetrating the bone and lodged in the abdomen. Mrs. Villeneuve is prostrated with regret.

City Clerk Matheson, of the hospital, has forwarded to the Attorney-General's department the resignations of the city council of that town, who handed back their honors in protest against the administration of police affairs by the government's appointee. It is doubtful if it will be difficult in filling the aldermanic board, even although the new commissioners, Messrs. Panch and Marshall, are less objectionable to the Phoenicians.

Georgina Hewitson, the Vancouver girl committed to reform her mother, pleaded guilty thereto at the recent assize, and was remanded into the custody of the Children's Aid Society under suspended sentence, has now been transferred to the Westminister Jail. She has been a most obedient and unworldly of the obedience shown here.

Representations are being made to the proper authorities in order to secure for Master Joe Thompson, of Ladysmith, the Royal Humane Society's medal for his life-saving. Last summer his lad saved two boys from drowning at the smelter town; again last Wednesday he similarly distinguished himself.

Orange Hamilton, one of the original founders of the Progress Party of British Columbia, is keeping himself busy denying published reports that he is dead. The

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A LITTLE PLAIN TALK.

It was said a day or two ago by a citizen who has shown his faith in Victoria by investing a substantial sum of money here...

Every Victorian who reads this, is quite capable of being of judging what degree of truth there is in the sentence quoted.

The plain and simple truth, on which we wish to lay stress today, is that Victorians look too far afield for prosperity.

Now, when a man in Victoria is talked of, the community divides into three factions. The smallest of the three is the enthusiastic one...

The custom is to complain of Victoria as "the most unprogressive place in the world" to witness the beginning of work on a union railway depot...

The statement in a city paper that Mr. Cain had notified his New York correspondents that he had abandoned his attempt to secure provincial aid for a railway on the Island was not warranted by the facts.

It is well enough to laugh at the Russians for running away, but suppose you saw a little brown fellow coming at you with a bayonet...

The enthusiasm displayed by our city contemporaries in advocating the development of Vancouver Island is decidedly of a Platonic order...

The Russian threat to keep the war going until there was not a Japanese soldier left in Korea seems likely to be made good.

RUSSIA'S DANGER.

Defeat at the hands of Japan, if that were all, would not be a very serious thing for Russia. Other nations have been defeated and have risen above the consequences...

tations who do, and among them is the Grand Duke Vladimir, father of Grand Duke Cecil, and the Czar's uncle. Vladimir cannot inherit the Crown except after a revolution...

A TIMELY HINT.

Mr. A. Maxwell Muir in an interview in a recent issue of Progress said that the reason why certain properties on Government street were not improved was that they are held by non-residents who are satisfied with the rents they are now getting.

The custom is to complain of Victoria as "the most unprogressive place in the world" to witness the beginning of work on a union railway depot which has been talked about for more than ten years.

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By special permit from the King every member of the first parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia is to enjoy the title "Honorable" for life.

Railway construction has begun upon the line from Valdez to Tanana and twenty miles to the west end of rail running in torrents through the streets.

Winnipeg was aroused to indignation lately by a news despatch sent out from that city stating that the Red river was running in torrents through the streets.

is likely to be occasioned to any public interest?

A staff correspondent of the Vancouver World is good enough to say that Vancouver Island can have railways in the right places, but not one from Victoria to the north end of the island.

Frank H. Bigelow, of the United States Weather Bureau, has been watching the sun for twenty years, and has now reached the conclusion that our lunary is splitting in two.

Spain is at present the hotbed of anarchy of the most irresponsible and unreasonable class. The frequent irrational disturbances at Barcelona, the recurrent reports of attempts upon the life of the King and his ministers...

A prominent Chinese merchant who returned from the Orient a month or two ago, expresses the absolute conviction that in the course of a very short time the Chinese will take up arms against Russia.

Minister Fitzpatrick has laid before Parliament a long explanation of the reasons why the anti-Mongolian legislation of this province is disallowed.

garden and gives the houses that privacy which everyone likes to enjoy himself, although he may grow a little at other people for wanting it.

About the only handicap that has ever been ascribed to the summer delights of Victoria lies in the fact that the wind blows and the dust clouds distribute themselves of Westrumite, they would find in it a remedy for the dust evil that would be permanently satisfactory.

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In Music's Realm. Musical events in Victoria run in cycles, and the past week has not been prolific in that respect.

Professor E. G. Wickens is another of those who do not permit the fine evenings of spring to deter him from carrying out his plans.

The repetition of the operetta "Dream of Flowers," and the Fan Drill in the Reformed Episcopal church school room was very successful.

"I'd go into town, but I'm scared of them darned ottermerrybles or whatever their name is," was the remark of a most Astorian citizen...

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The Week in Society.

Closing Danes of the Season Mark The advent of Summertime Festivities—Tennis Popularity Grows.

So many members and friends of Mrs. Lester's evening dancing class attended the breaking up ball in the A. O. U. W. hall Tuesday night that there was scarcely room for all to dance although the music provided by the Fawcett-Thane orchestra was inspiring.

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Lester's Friday afternoon class of juveniles held their closing dance in the A. O. U. W. hall. These meetings at which there were a number of older folk present, some to watch the dancing and others to participate.

Under the auspices of Le Alliance Francaise, Professor R. Dupouey, a Fellow of the University of Paris, delivered a most interesting lecture in his own language at the Institute hall, Monday evening.

biniere, the Misses Dunsuir, Mrs. J. H. Todd, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Miss Todd, Miss Wrigley, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton and party, Mrs. O. M. Jones, Miss Mara, Misses Leiser, the Misses Spring, the Misses McCullough, Mrs. P. C. Cullin and family, Mr. C. A. Lombard, Mr. A. Borde, Mr. and Miss Laverson, Mr. Muriset and family, Mrs. E. G. Prior, and Mrs. Blacklock.

For the two performances of "Turned Up" at the Barracks, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Victoria society turned out almost en masse, braving a very great danger of chilling colds.

The social dance given by the Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants' Club at the Pines Court, Work Point Barracks, on the 2nd inst., was the final of the season of a series of similar entertainments.

The young friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McIntosh, took that happy couple completely by surprise last Monday evening, when they invaded the McIntosh residence for a cordial welcome, and the evening passed most pleasantly with cards and similar diversions.

Last evening the children of Mesdames Dickenson and McConnaught were entertained in the Assembly Hall. Dancing commenced shortly after five o'clock in order that the children might not be kept out too late.

Hon. Robert F. Green has leased the residence of the late Henry Brockman, Victoria West, and Mrs. Green and family have arrived from Kashi to make their home in this pretty section of the city.

Mrs. F. S. Rivers gave a progressive whist party at her residence, Menzies street, Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Herbert Kent being so fortunate as to win the first prize, a pretty bonbon dish, and Mrs. Nelson being consoled with her booby trophy.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor C. Coxhead, of Portland, are spending a portion of their happy honeymoon with Victoria friends. Their marriage was solemnized very quietly at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Howell, Toronto, on Saturday last.

Mr. Sample was host at a merry little dance given at his hall in Victoria West last evening.

Mrs. Stanley McB. Smith will hold her post-nuptial reception at her new residence on Michigan street, Monday afternoon.

Mr. Andrew J. Smith, who has recently become the owner of the well-known Norton ranch on Salt Spring Island, was one of the principals in an unostentatious church wedding celebrated at the end of last week by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the bride, Miss Maggie R. H. Halley, arriving direct from London, England, to join her fiance in this city.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor is arranging to give an official dinner in connection with the forthcoming celebration of Victoria Day, at Government House on the evening of the 24th.

The J. B. A. tennis courts on Kingston street are becoming immensely popular with the young ladies of the Bay district, among whom there promise to develop quite a number of exceedingly proficient players.

Quite a select semi-official party attended the opening, with appropriate ceremonies, on Thursday last, of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt. Among the gathering were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Mrs. Mills (his daughter), Mr. R. B. Powell, Commander and Mrs. Goodrich, Premier Beirle, His Honor the Mayor, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, D. D., and a number of others.

Esquimalt may receive a visit very shortly from an Italian cruise Liguria, called up from San Francisco. She is commanded by the Duke d'Abuzzi, who visited Victoria before, at the time of his memorable ascent of Mount St. Elias, and whose farthest north trip has since become an historic milestone.

Preliminary to the present enjoyment of their honeymoon in Victoria, Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Graf, of Seattle, called upon Rev. W. Leslie Clay to assist their plans for happiness before Mr. Clay's good offices were requisitioned. Mrs. Graf was Miss Lenora P. Pflter.

Mrs. Thompson, widow of the late General Thompson, of Weathersfield, Essex, and Miss Wentworth, of Rugby, Eng., are visiting British Columbia. They are at present visiting their son and cousin, Mr. E. Copley Thompson, of Vernon.

It is rumored that one of the fashionable weddings of the autumn will be that of Miss Prior and Hon. F. J. Hood, R. E.

Mrs. E. E. Wootton gave a large tea at her home on Richardson street yesterday afternoon, between the hours of 4 and 6.30.

The Misses Christie, of Blanchard street, are giving a tea this (Saturday) afternoon, for which about seventy invitations have been issued.

Major Bradley-Dyne has arrived from England on a visit to his brother on Saturna Island.

Miss Harriet A. Yates, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. F. Yates, who spent last summer with friends in Victoria, was united in marriage last week to Mr. George L. Bell of the Imperial Bank's Winnipeg staff.

Square dances are again strictly in fashion. The quadrille is once more an important feature of every state and court ball.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hayes and daughter, of Trail, are visiting with Mrs. C. Bunting, Mrs. Hayes' mother.

Mr. Graham Cruickshank, assayer at the War Eagle mine, was united in marriage this week, at Kathleen's Bonliee, daughter of Mr. John Bonliee of Rossland.

The engagement is announced of Mr. E. O. S. Woolfeield and Miss Evelyn Hilton of Battery street. It is rumored that the wedding will be in June.

Mrs. Richard Dowdall and Miss M. Dowdall are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Perkins, Esquimalt road.

Miss E. Peterson, of Victoria West, is spending a few days in Wellington with her aunt.

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Random Reflections

Wise and Otherwise Upon the Story of the Week's News—"A Little Nonsense Now and Then," Etc.

HEWITT POSTCOCK as a Senator is just about right. "RUSSIA relies on its army."-and the army apparently relies on its legs. MOVED! in amendment that the Russian commander be called Kurapatkan't. ON the next new deal it looks as though Russia would go into the discard. REAL estate is still reported too active for safety or comfort in the mountain districts. QUITT properly one refers to the flotation of Mr. C. W. Ward's irrigation project. QUESTIONS about fish traps are merely another kind of traps—for the ministers. TOGO is about to strike, but whether or not with the support of the union is not stated. TWO carloads of pipes have been received at Stoverson to equip the natural gas well. And yet it is only a pipe dream. NOW that Sweden and Denmark have declared neutrality as between Russia and Japan, the world will breathe freely again. THOSE Russians at Port Arthur should take to heart the temperance admonition and shun the perils of the bottle. KUROPATKIN is "waiting for the next move of the Japanese." He will probably receive his intimation of it somewhere in the vicinity of the neck. AFTER being dropped with a thud in the cellar in the parliament buildings elevator, Mr. Macpherson, M. P., is up by the Times to have brought it up in the House. THE Minister of Marine and Fisheries has informed Mr. Morrison, M. P., that there are no lobstermen in British Columbia. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine is a most discriminating gentleman. A PROPHET is no longer without honor even in his own country. Because C. W. Ward promises Kanklops a swell \$25,000 inn, the Standard and that of town arises to proclaim him the Cecil Rhodes of Western Canada! AMERICAN senators are again talking of stepping over and annexing Canada some morning before breakfast. Canadians will do well to remember that, in the classic words of the Vancouver World, "a barquing dog seldom bites." OWNERS of automobiles in British Columbia are requested hereafter to pay the province \$2 for registration and to wear a number like a street car conductor or a licensed expressman. That \$2 for will deprive many prospective motorists from investing in cars. AND NOW the favored nations have the pleasure of seeing Sir A. E. Phillips, Counselor to His Majesty the King, in an absolutely new role. He has written a letter to the Times directing attention to the importance of keeping to the point in a political discussion. The millennium is now looked for next Wednesday. THE Colonialist is deeply grateful to His Lordship W. W. Columbia for hunting up an error in a reprint from some English paper, and compelling the local daily to apologize to some one, who, but for His Lordship's enterprise, would never have known of the Colonialist's existence. NANAIMOIETES stampeded to buy Quaker medicines the other evening and broke the sidewalk. An article-dissolved in the crush—and didn't get the specific to fix it. WARNING: Unless you wish to rank with 928 other cheap wits don't repeat the conundrum "Well, what progress is "Progress" making," or draw any comparisons between this "g. f. j." and the late lamented "Truth." UP TO date no prospector has succeeded in locating a telegraph office at Poplar.

CHINESE LABOR. There has been a revival of the discussion about the value of Chinese labor to British Columbia, induced, no doubt, by the fact that the exclusion law really does exclude. Very extravagant statements are made in regard to it. A stranger might think that Sir Gilbert Parker was not far astray in saying that this province "could be a howling wilderness without the Chinese." A local contemporary recently threw doubts upon the efficiency of the \$500 head tax, and intimated pretty plainly that the only effect would be that white people would have to pay highest wages to the Chinamen who came into the country. It also took the position that these people were really a necessity, giving the oft-repeated reason that there are some kinds of a labor that a white man will not do. If this is the case, and is to remain the case, the matter is not one for congratulation. In the days of slavery in the Southern States there was a class of work that a white man would not do, and the consequence was that a great deal of the population known as "poor white trash," despised by negroes and the better class of whites alike. As population becomes more dense there is a chance, and a very good one, that "poor white trash" will develop in this province, if Chinese immigration were substantially unrestricted, because the conditions of life here are easy, if one is content to permit himself to slide down the social and industrial scale. The father of a family of boys once said to the writer: "My boys will not stay at home, because there is nothing for them to do unless they go into the mills or mines and work side by side with Chinamen. So they have gone over to the United States to do the same kind of work there." White boys will not begin life by doing "Chinamen's work," as it is called: that is to say a stigma is put upon humble labor. This is not a good thing for any community, and it would be far better to put up with the temporary inconveniences resulting from an entire absence of Oriental labor than have such a state of things continue.

It is alleged that one of the obstacles to the construction of railways on Vancouver Island is the very great anxiety on the part of an influential member of the local government party to persuade the government to buy the E. & N. railway. No one suggests that Mr. Dunsuir is particularly keen about selling, although he makes no secret of his readiness to take his price for the property from the first person offering it. The influential member referred to is not a representative of an Island constituency. It is not clear what advantage it would be to the province to own the railway. The government would not give any better if as good a service as the one now being done by a good thing if the province owned the land, but the province already owns several acres. The objection to such a purchase is that it would be a barrier to any aid being granted to railway construction on the Island, for a long time to come. On the other hand, if a railway were built up through the centre of the Island, it would not only open a great area of provincial Crown lands, but it would also give the E. & N. belt another very valuable asset than it is now, and creating a demand for it by settlers and others. A railway to the north end of the Island would be a great thing for the people of the Island, but the man who would profit most from it is the fortunate gentleman who owns the E. & N. belt and railway. But this is no reason why it should not be built and built with liberal government assistance.

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VICTORIA AS A SEAPORT.

This City Need Not Depend Upon Local Business Only For Development. The Tourist Association is an active and excellent organization. It has done much and is doing much for the city, and deserves all the good things that have been said about it. And all the substantial ones it requires to enable it to carry on its good work. But there is just a possibility, indeed there is more than a possibility, that the vigorous campaign which the Association has put up has obscured the view of the citizens, as more and more they have diverted their attention from other matters of even greater importance than the encouragement of tourist travel. No one understands better than Progress the

great direct and indirect advantages which now from large tourist travel; but the people of Victoria should not let the impression grow up that the future of their city depends upon its attractiveness as a pleasure resort or residential city alone. Victoria has advantages as a seaport that ought to be kept prominently forward. What are the essentials to a great seaport? First—Accessibility. Victoria is the most accessible port on the Pacific seaboard of America north of San Francisco. It is near the ocean and can be reached with a minimum of inland navigation. There are neither rocks, shoals or dangerous passage between its wharves and the open sea. The Strait of Juan de Fuca is the best of all the passages from the ocean along the Northwest Coast, for while others are narrow and their navigation is rendered more or less dangerous by reason of rocks, the Strait is absolutely free from any such dangers. Vancouver and Seattle, Tacoma and the other Puget Sound ports all are reached by the Strait, and it is reasonable to suppose that a port nearer the ocean than any of them by from 75 to 100 miles can, other things being equal, occupy a commanding position in respect to ocean-borne commerce. Second—Packaging facilities. It has been demonstrated over and over again that these facilities can be provided at Victoria to any desired extent and at no greater expense than at rival points. Third,—Land connections. No valid reason exists why Victoria should not be in direct communication with every transcontinental railway now reaching or hereafter to be extended to the Northwest Coast. Thus in the three great essentials Victoria can claim as good a position as any other city. She possesses certain advantages over certain other points, one of which, namely, comparative freedom from fogs is of very great importance. For trade between Canada and Mexico, South America and elsewhere, the position of Victoria is exceptionally good. None of the more northern ports will bear comparison with her in this respect, and there is very little doubt that the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern railways, when built, will take this view of the case. The G. T. P. people do not think about this now. They have not had time to get around to it. When their thorough line is built Pacific trade of the future will be taken by the trunk line of what has just been said as to the advantages of Victoria will come home to them. In respect to Oriental traffic the advantages over Victoria, claimed for more northern ports, are more theoretical than real. One thing the distance from, say, Port Simpson, to say, Yokohama, may be shorter than from Victoria, but when the actual problem of navigation, and the cost of carrying it, is taken into account, that is a difference which probably will be found to vanish. It is not claimed for Victoria that it can hope for anything like a monopoly of Pacific commerce under any set of circumstances, and they do claim that the suggestion of this city is such that it can reasonably look forward to a fair share of the immense business that will develop in the immediate future. That business will be so great that no one, two or three cities or even a few, will have it all, and if so, how much, depends very largely upon the energy of her own people.

More than three weeks ago Progress presented a review of the war situation with the probable course to be pursued by both combatants. Since that review was prepared it has been in full detail by the expert of the London Times and New York Herald, and by the movement of events at the front. The Morrissey Despatch in its modesty does not lay claim to being the fairest report of British Columbia. It nevertheless solemnly prints in its edition of April 28th, the telegraphic despatches of June 18th last, accompanied by the following paragraph: "We credit the indulgence of our readers with our ready-prints from Winnipeg. Our ready-prints from Winnipeg have not arrived, so we are using some letter of a few months ago." Surely a better journalistic jest was never perpetrated by Findley, Peter Dunne, or even F. Carter-Cotton.

Mr. Holmes, M.P., is shocked, and writes to the Eastern papers to tell them so, because Sir Wilfrid Laurier has in his opinion, been guilty of the awful crime of using slang. The specific item of indictment is that in a recent speech the Premier was guilty of saying that the Canadian people could "paddle their own canoe." This is nothing but a highly objectionable nature of legitimate metaphor. And if it is slang it is defensible for use by the First Minister or anyone else. It expresses a sentiment tritely. The slang is not to be used in the future—"Boycott," "slush," and a hundred other words may be cited in illustration. So soon as a slang word or phrase becomes generally accepted as tersely expressing a well understood thought, it is incorporated in the dictionary of the nation.

Port Steele has formed a rifle association, 35 members strong.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY. (Continued from page 5.)

Mr. G. D. Brynner, of New Westminster, paid Victoria friends a visit this week. The R. E. Quadrille Club held their closing dance of the season Thursday evening, with a large and happy gathering. Mr. E. L. Jackson, of this city, was united in marriage at Montesano, Wash., on May Day, to Miss Mamie Helm of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will reside here. Among the guests of the Driard last week was Mr. Irving T. Cole, a prominent lawyer of Seattle, who is also a member of the present board of aldermen, which is making a moral clean-up in that city. Mr. Francis J. Finneane, formerly of the Bank of Montreal staff, in this province, and well known to many Victorians, will be married in Brooklyn, N. Y., on June 9th, to Miss Mary Gertrude Sweeney, daughter of Charles Sweeney, the millionaire mining promoter of Spokane, Mr. Finneane is at present manager of the Spokane branch of the Bank of Montreal.

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

Progress is the only paper on Vancouver Island that aims to give the news of what Society is doing. It is pre-eminently the paper for the home—not filled with the chimes of railroad work, dry-as-dust war and political "news," but with just enough of everything, and that not so heavy as to give the reader mental indigestion for a week. Get the habit of reading the home Saturday—or better still, subscribe and let us send it free in the morning. The office of publication is at 35 Fort Street—telephone 697.

The representations that have recently been made by the railroad telegraphers to the federal government are deserving of the most serious consideration both by the administration and by the general public. In brief the prayer of the telegraphers is that a standard be set by the government for operators entrusted with the responsibility of railroad work—as to age, ability as operators and experience. The "economic" practice of the past among a majority of leading railway lines has been to engage mere boys as operators at the smaller stations, and it is only to be wondered at under such conditions that the percentage of accidents arising through inefficient operating or operators' carelessness is as low as it is. Where the lives as well as property of the public depend for safety upon the reliability and the efficiency of any class of expert labor, there should be every possible safeguard as to the high quality of the service. Commenting upon the situation at Ymir, fully outlined in a comprehensive review of incidents in the last issue of Progress, the Phoenix Pioneer presents a startling suggestion that not at Ymir alone in British Columbia is the administration of the telephone a name. "It appears that Ymir has fallen into the hands of a timid and at the same time reckless class of officials," comments the Pioneer. "It is a sorry day for any community when the authority is taken from under the hands of men of immortal character, who use the liberty given them by their fellow citizens, not for the good of those who have honored them with temporary power, but for gratification of their own lusts." The Ymir telegraphers undertake to expose and correct evils of the nature referred to in its own town, and the consequence is, it has all been driven out of business. Had this paper at any time during the recent and present difficulty been asked to undertake itself the task of laying bare the true existing conditions, it would be more condemned than praised.

Rossland has just seen the last of its season's skating and snowshoeing. It was left for one April party to climb Mount Record on snowshoes. The Esquimalt ladies basketball team would like to try conclusions with Victoria. The University of California baseball team is arranging a tour through the Northwest, in the course of which Victoria will be visited and games played here on the 21st and 24th of May. The P. O. Snider's dogs have been adding yet other winners to their score in the new Westminster and Vancouver have formed an amateur baseball league with five teams—Nationals, Little Potatoes, Ironworkers and Athletics of Vancouver, and New Westminster. The local league and Sid Malcolms, of the Royal City, vice-president. Revelstoke's Lacrosse Club has reorganized and is in line for a busy season.

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We ask the stranger to see the Dominion Hotel before arranging elsewhere.

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# Players and The Play.

## Adjustment of Dates for End-of-the Season Offerings—The Handicap of Amateurism.

By a re-arrangement of the remaining bookings of the season at the Victoria Centre, players here have but one evening to stand for the exhibition of a musical play, "A Girl From Dixie," on Tuesday of next week instead of Monday and Tuesday, while "McFadden's Flats" holds its date on the 12th as previously arranged. The "Four Calves" are scheduled for the evening of the 23rd, and will form a far from unimportant feature of the celebration attractions—giving citizens and visitors opportunity to rest after the day's exhilarating while still enjoying a musical play thoroughly. In connection with the presentation of Harry B. Smith's "A Girl From Dixie" Tuesday, it may be mentioned that the piece is in the hands of the original Nixon & Zimmerman company, with Sam C. Sprague as director. The plot of "A Girl From Dixie" revolves around the fortune which belongs to Nick Calvert, but which, through a mistake, has been given to Kitty Calvert. Kitty is a Southern girl, and when the money is given to her by a distant school at Tamarack, Md. Nick Calvert, her cousin knows that the fortune given Kitty, is his by right, but refuses to claim it. The untold portion of the play is a comedy in itself. The skits are finally untangled, of course, and everything ends happily. Kitty's good fortune is made the occasion of a celebration by Jack Landolph, professor of "everything in an grammatical way" and Sam Sprague, of the Bar, legal and otherwise, and to pupils of the school, especially Maude Ebel, Kitty's bosom friend, by saying nothing of Ludwig Rosenbogen, German musician, the stepfather of Kitty, who is a most interesting character object of matrimony—who promptly falls a love with the young heiress. The locale of the second act shifts to New York, where Kitty is established as heiress, one of wealth and position. Her husband is by her old friends, thus affording an opportunity for a number of humorous situations. There are at least twenty catchy song hits which will be whistled on the street as soon as they are heard. The best moment of the play is this one of their strange attractions of the season.

While one can scarcely endorse the opinion of the Colonel that Harry Manning's "Harriet's Honey-treat" is "a musical play greatly played," it is decidedly in order to endorse the star and her entourage as sufficient to make an evening pass pleasantly. "Harriet's Honey-treat" is not a great play; neither is "Harriet's Honey-treat" a great actress. The comedy that Leo Dirlichstein has given her is a sparkling little sketch of men and manners, a society play of the most modern description which has received high praise, but is a mistaken identity, told brightly and crisply, with a sufficient piece of wit and epigram to make it very pleasant. Miss Manning, as usual, is sweet and womanly and good natured, and the comedy is very little more than a play; it is a suitable vehicle for the display of the moderate talents of an attractive and distinctly feminine actress, with all the peculiarities of such a personality. The best part of her performance, as critic has said, is its brevity; next is its wholesomeness. Everybody in it has a strict and conscientious regard for the proprieties. Even the German princeling who falls a love with Harriet, a man who flirts and who writes himself as soon as he discovers his offence, and repents becomingly. The play, of course, ends happily—with charming Harriet recovering her romance and her fiancée becoming a divorcee from Wall Street. It is presumbable that they lived happily ever afterwards. As for Miss Manning, she has a deft touch; she wears her handsome gown well; while her stronger scenes are in connection with any incident of "Harriet's Honey-treat"—have in their sufficient intensity to be convincing. And best of all there is no Cloyde Fitch imitations of the Dolly Dialogues. The evening ending with a sharp epigrammatic wit.

## CLIPPINGS AND COMMENTS.

The Battle is On.—"Yesterday Pat Burns started up his slaughter house and began to kill"—Rossland World.

May Buy a Dog.—"Looking from the railway track one can see Mr. William Moulise is erecting an imposing frame addition to his residence on Pine avenue and if rumor is correct, the addition is not without significance."—Golden Sun.

Unions Must Differ.—"Mr. Blakey is widdling the birch in the public school in Steele with much satisfaction."—Port Steele Prospector.

Catherine Conscienceless.—"We are pleased to see Miss Catherine Ross amongst us again after having been staying with relatives at Aldergrove for some little time."—Westminster Columbian.

Overheated Ovens.—"Yesterday about one o'clock the fire brigade was called out to a small blaze at the residence of Mr. Thos. Owens."—Westminster Columbian.

A Job for the Missionaries.—"The Rod and Gun Club ought to be reformed."—Port Steele Prospector.

Pity the Poor.—"We paid a freight bill on this week on a large invoice of stationery, and after figuring it up came to the conclusion that we were paying our share towards recompensing the C. P. R. for loss by floods this spring. The freight on the envelopes came to 45 cents per thousand."—Frankfort Herald.

A. O. D.—T. P.—"The rumor is revived that the early future may see construction work on the Kootenay Central."—Port Steele Prospector.

Power of the Printer.—"A printer's error in McArthur & Harper's advertisement last night made the price of a 90 cent umbrella 35 cents."—Rossland World.

There is, for example, a beautifully restrained, if-you-will-permit, 24 hours' notice flavor about the love making of Hon. Mr. Hood's "George Medway" that effectively destroys all illusion. The same enthusiasm applied in real life would not carry the exhibitor to the first corner. Capt. Muspratt-Williams, it seems generally conceded, does full justice to the "Capt. Medway," while Miss Prior added to her laurels in the difficult eccentric part of opera Snow. The others of the cast were Miss Keffer, Miss Vernon, Captain Wright, Mr. Elliston, Mrs. Bland, Mister Mackenzie, Mr. Geary, Mrs. Wright and Mr. Cockburn—not to mention the irrepressible theater duster.

J. Murray Smith, proprietor of one of Vancouver's dozen or so picture theatres, is in hard luck indeed. He had one of the best paying family houses in the downtown city, where the audience always shows return small fortunes in dividends and such attractions as Nordica and Duss' orchestra, Madame Sarah Cowell Lemoine, and Richard Mansfield cannot play to expenses. Then all unknown to the patrons of the place he repurposed the rooms on the floor above his theatre. The police cleared them out—but the reputation of the innocent theatre had gone, and Mr. Smith is out the \$1,500 or so that he had invested in his business.

On dit: that the new theatre now nearing completion on Johnson street, which will be owned and directed by Messrs. John Hepburn and Robert Jamieson, has just been admitted to the big circuit of family vaudeville houses, presenting none but the biggest and best attractions, and will be opened to the public on the 23rd of May. It is to be the finest and most up-to-date of the popular family theatres of the province.

The big "Silver Slipper" company, seen here a few weeks ago, has disbanded at Winnipeg. The company had just looked in prospect of an off night—having given Sunday and matinee shows innumerable without extra remuneration—and the management promptly closed the season and told them to get back to dear old Broadway as best they could.

Shilpan's Comedians were snowbound last week at Glacier, where the white mantle was reported this season as fifteen feet deep. On the level as if anyone could find a level spot at Glacier.

Nelson's opera house is the latest in British Columbia to be made absolutely safe from fire danger, insofar as human precautions avail.

Maharra's minstrels were washed out in the recent floods in the mountains. Just imagine a "washed out" minstrel show.

Very clever and interesting shows are being put on at both the Edison and the Crystal.

Clara Mathies' company is again back in Nelson.

# Commission Exorbitant.

## For That Reason Creditors of the Lenora Syndicate May Reject New Deal This Morning.

Last Monday an offer was made to the creditors of the Lenora and Mount Sicker Mining Company by which they were to accept payment in second preference stock in a new concern to include the Lenora mine, the Crofton smelter, and Lloyd's sawmill, with the associate standing timber. The new company was to be capitalized for £300,000, or about \$1,500,000. Of this amount the mortgages (the Dunsmuir family) were to receive \$163,600 and Mr. Bellinger \$180,000, both in first preference shares. There was to be paid to Mr. Breen \$336,500, to Mr. Lloyd \$10,200, and for working capital \$200,000, the expenses of flotation and liquidation to be \$107,200. The above amounting to almost a million dollars would be first preference stock bearing 6 per cent, supposedly cumulative. Then came the unpreferred creditors with \$252,000 second preference stock, and, lastly, Mr. Croft with \$250,000 common stock, the whole amounting to \$1,500,000.

Many of the creditors considered this offer better than nothing, as there was just a remote chance that some time in the future they might get a dividend. At all events, they agreed, it would be better for the standing of the province to keep the concern alive and doing business. Accordingly, in spite of strenuous opposition on the part of many of the creditors, the offer was accepted.

Hardly had this been done, however, before a second offer came from England and in accordance with instructions therein the following notice was sent to the creditors:

The Lenora and Mount Sicker Copper Mining Company, Ltd., Non-panoramic.

A meeting of the above named company will be held in the court house, Bastion square, on Saturday, the 7th day of May, 1904, at 10.30 a.m., to consider a revised proposal of sale as follows: Eight per cent. instead of 6 per cent. preference; working capital reduced to £30,000 (\$150,000); expenses of flotation, etc., increased to £30,000 (\$150,000); common stock, reduced to £25,000 (\$125,000); total capital reduced to £75,000 (\$375,000). Dated the 4th day of May.

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So far as can be ascertained the creditors are unanimously against accepting such a proposal and will turn it down at the meeting to-day.

"The other offer was bad enough," they say, "but this shows the crookedness of the plan."  
It seems that Mr. Matson went to England on this errand without authority from the creditors and without consulting them. They are ready, however, to accept a reasonable offer without ousting them in toto, to what anybody else is making out of it. Floating a company is an expensive business, but \$150,000, besides the commissions which will be obtained from Messrs. Bellinger and Breen for putting the deal through, is not much to pay for getting \$300,000 to put into the new company.

It is now claimed by some that the Lenora mine is of practically small value, that it is overworked, or has no interest out, and that therefore it is quite valueless except in conjunction with the Crofton smelter. There the ore may be used as a flux in smelting over in the Britannia or other mines. Others assert that this mine is situated only for the purpose of closing out this deal. It is certainly hard to imagine how, after all the favorable reports made by inspectors and experts of repute, the mine can be valueless. If it is so, what is one going to do with it? The reputations of which depend upon such experts? It is easier to believe that the mine is still a valuable property, that the owners and creditors still have a valuable asset, and that the company, if properly managed, will yet pay dividends not only on preference but also on its ordinary stock.

Rubber—"J. S. Barbour is the happy father of a bouncing boy."—Wilmer Outlook.

Three Aces—"The stork left a ten-pounder at the home of Frank Ace and wife of Story last week."—Oregon Observer.

The Age of Miracles—"The Sloan Drill is four years old and its editor still has money in the bank."—New Denver Ledger.

Jolly for Jovett—"If success is to be attributed to the Tourist Association that other lobster, W. A. Jovett, should not be allowed to have anything to do with it."—Ymir Mirror.

Hearsay Evidence Only—"The first beer from the Okanagan Brewery is now ready and is recommended as a first class article."—Armstrong Advertiser.

# Victoria's Fire Preparedness.

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To guard against the occurrence of fires we have regular and systematic inspection of all city premises, particularly of those premises where large quantities of stored, even in small quantities, of oils, explosives, etc., and of backyards where the wooden ash-box has long been banished as a precautionary measure. The city has also employed for about a year now an expert inspector of electric wiring, Mr. J. A. Daly, who is extremely valuable in his position, and giving every satisfaction. We need a new hose carriage, and a new exercise wagon, which we have asked for, and the 500 feet of new hose that we add annually to our equipment is in my opinion sufficient to keep us well supplied."

## THE REVERSE PICTURE.

But there are two sides to every story.

That is what Chief Watson thinks of the situation.

To illustrate how radically opinions—even the opinions of experts—may differ, here is what Secretary J. G. Elliott, of the Board of Fire Underwriters, thinks and says on the same text:

"I do not believe that any town or city in which the fire department is composed of part paid (or rather permanent) and part call men, can be said to be effectively prepared to cope with any fire that may occur within its boundaries. It cannot be. These call men live or are at work possibly three or four blocks or more from the fire station. They cannot possess proper facilities for getting to the scene of danger with the despatch demanded. They first have to get to the station to get the location of the fire and go out with the apparatus. Very often they arrive there too late to catch the rig and have to get to the fire by hook or crook, arriving too much exhausted to be in fit condition to fight fire. Why, even the assistant chief is a call man living in the upper flat of a four-story block."

"There can be no doubt about it—a fire department to be thoroughly efficient must be composed of men making fire-fighting their business and devoting all their time and attention to it in all its phases and intricacies. They must know their departmental work from A to Z. They should also know the peculiarities of all important buildings within the city, how they are wired, their weak spots, etc. Are Victoria's firemen so educated in their work?"

"Again, the men must be frequently and intelligently drilled. I haven't seen the drill in this town in three months. They must know the location of every hydrant and standpipe. I venture to say there are many men in the Victoria fire department who don't know the location of half the hydrants or standpipes that they may at any time be called upon to use. Of course we have no skyscrapers here, but there are a few buildings, such as the Driard, the Weiler block, Spencer's, etc., that it would take a small department like ours all their time to handle if not in advance."

"In numbers, for the population and area of the city, I should say Victoria is O. K.—but one permanent fireman is worth five call men as a guarantee to the city against fire loss. I do not think they are the most efficient to justify the belief that the city can get and hold the best qualified men."

It is true that the permanent men have belongings in the station buildings, but they are as a rule married men and have their homes in the city as well. Victoria's men are a mouth is not the wage of a skilled expert, and the engineers and drivers must be classed expert workmen, and so entitled to better pay than clerks or express drivers, and they are constant-employment men. If the city recognizes the eight-hour day, they must be rated as putting in three shifts of eight hours each and every day.

"Lessons of the Toronto fire? Why, of course not, unless lessons of closing openings between buildings, such as fire-connections doors or windows by which fire is permitted to spread from building to building and from block to block." "The fire department must be protected all openings by means of fireproof doors. Our by-law needs amendment in this particular, and needs it very much. The present careless allowance of wall openings simply risks blocks instead of individual buildings. Electric wiring is another source of danger that should be more strictly guarded against than it is. The wires should be put underground. It would involve greater initial cost, but there would be safety secured. Less danger from breakage, and inability to wind interruption. Interior construction also deserves more attention. In towns like those of our own west, where wooden buildings are the rule, it is essential that there should be double floors with fire-proof material between."

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Meet North and 4th Wednesday in No. 5935. A. O. F. Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays. Assessments are due and payable on the first day of the month. Members must notify clerk of change of occupation and location.

Knights of Pythias. Far West Lodge No. 1 meets at their Hall, cor. Douglas and Pandora Streets, every Friday at 8 p.m. Sojourning brothers are always welcome. J. H. Penhock, C. C.; Harry Weber, K. of R. S. B. Box 44.

Juvenile Ancient Order of Foresters. Court No. 1 meets first Tuesday in each month in No. 111. Adult Foresters at 8 p.m. Welcome. S. L. Redgrave, President; J. H. Mansell, Secretary.

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# The Realm of Sports

## New Tennis Association—Protection for the New Game Asset—Professionalism and Lacrosse.

To-day sees the first general practice of the members of the Victoria lacrosse team that will this season seek to bring back championship honors to the Island. The candidates for places on the senior twelve up to the present—despite the exuberant accounts concerning newly arrived Easterners wherewith the Vancouver papers have been endeavoring to put the fear of the gods into the hearts of their own players and thereby induce them to turn out for practices—are as follows: A. E. Belfry, George Williams, McCorbie (late of Nelson), O'Brien (a last year Vancouver man), Stan Peelo, Fred White, Frank Smith, C. L. Cullin, Stephens, Taylor, Lorimer, Wilson, McConnell, Dewar, Jesse, and one or two others at the present moment undecided. There will also be available for promotion four or five Victoria Wests, who have been showing exceptionally good form and promising quality, and are legitimately in line for advancement to senior company. There are as well four other players of some note who it is thought will join the colors a little later on. These include a young French-Canadian just at present resident in Kamloops, engaged as a brakeman with the C. P. R., and reported to be a very good stick-handling center; formerly of the Ottawa "Caps"; Cattinaugh, of the Winnipeg; and Taylor of the Brantford. Situations have been obtained for these men if they will come to Victoria to reside, but Victoria isn't so quick to sound the bugle of professionalism in any shape or form. The evils thereof are too apparent in Eastern and yet nearer cities to invite imitation. In this connection one of the best, straight-from-the-shoulder heart-to-heart talks ever given athletes in this province has recently appeared in the Vancouver World with respect to the team there. It is directed to the Terminal City lacrosseists who think themselves so good that they are virtually holding up the Brockton Point people for monetary consideration—"testimonials" is the way it is described—no games with their famous selves as features. They would of course continue to call themselves amateurs, but receive the money, the more open and manly professionals. The World speaks for true sport when it says there should be no negotiation with this class of "sportsmen." They may be athletes—but they are the worst enemies not the best friends of clean sport. And matter how good players they are, any city can get along better without them.

The final monthly medal competition for this season of the Victoria Golf Club was played on Friday and Saturday last, the ladies' competition being won by Mrs. Combe, the ex-champion of British Columbia, with the best scratch score of 82; and Miss Langley being second with a score of 84. In the men's competition, Mr. B. G. Goward and Rev. H. A. Collinson tied for first place with net scores of 77. The entries throughout the season for these competitions have been excellent, the tendency at play being numerous and keen interest being manifested, while the standard of play in the second flight of the local golfers has been much improved, this applying equally to ladies and gentlemen. The best average score (for the best five scores in the ladies' competition) presented by Mr. C. B. Stahschmidt, has been won by Miss Todd with an average of 81. Mrs. Combe coming second with an average of 81.6, and the others in this order: Mrs. Langley, 82; Mrs. W. Langley, 82.6; Mrs. Burton, 85.8. In the men's competition Mr. Harvey Combe tied for first place with Mr. P. S. Lannman, their respective averages being 80.8; Mr. C. E. Cookson's was 81.6; Mr. Stahschmidt's 85.6, 88.6, and Mr. A. E. Goldfinch's 85.6. Owing to the meeting of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association having this year been held under the auspices and on the links of the Victoria Golf Club, the usual British Columbia championship meeting was necessarily postponed, and it will now be played on Saturday, the 28th. It is in connection with this event that the much-coveted Bostock cup is emblematic of the honors, Mr. E. Combe being the present holder. There will also be contested on the same occasion a ladies' open handicap of 36 holes and a gentlemen's handicap also of 36 holes, the prizes for the ladies' event being won by Mrs. W. E. Burton, Mr. E. Oliver and Mr. W. E. Burton. The committee of the club has decided to keep the links open until the end of June, and it is both hoped and expected that the keen interest thus far displayed that the season will remain unabated until its close.

interests of tennis and the establishment of authoritative jurisdiction over the championships. The delegates were thoroughly in accord as to the desirability of establishing such an international body, and the conference resulted in the drafting of a constitution which is now to be submitted for approval to the several interested clubs. When three of these shall have expressed their satisfaction therewith, Mr. Powell, who acted as presiding officer at the Tacoma meeting, will call a second meeting of delegates in this city, when plans will be further advanced. There is no intention of interfering with the fixtures of the National tennis league, with which the American clubs are affiliated, these being the Oregon state championship, Washington state championship, and Pacific Northwest championships, contested annually at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma respectively.

It is about time that old fallacy was exploded—that salmon will not take a fly in British Columbia. Experience every day is proving its untruth. The salmon will take the fly here as in the old country if he is feeling like it, and the fisherman is fairly expert and studies the habits of his game. Let the skeptic take to heart this fact and ponder it: A party of naval officers visiting the Covichan river during April, killed 53 salmon using fly alone, these weighing in weight from 7 to 25 pounds, varying in great amount of learned argument and special pleading to offset this evidence that British Columbia salmon WILL take the fly. There is, by the way, a great improvement in the fishing in the Covichan, possibly because of the fact that the old Indian weirs have been made an end of.

Having made satisfactory arrangements for the use of the Caledonia grounds for the lacrosse club are proceeding with numerous desirable improvements, a new stand being erected on the east side of the field, and a press box being placed in the centre of the old stand, which also will be refitted and renewed. The twelve have begun practice, and according to the local dailies, will be in the pink of condition when they meet Vancouver on the 23rd of May. It is to be hoped this is not the stereotype one put for advertising purposes only; the team needs to keep busy working every evening to be in trim for the Terminal City boys. That's what they are doing. And after the published announcement of faithful training, "right of condition," etc., day by day, there can be no falling back upon the old time worn excuses of insufficient training or team rehearsal.

The celebration regatta committee has drawn up a programme that will parallel quite satisfactorily the programmes of '02 and the years subsequent thereto. The proposals of "Progress" that an exhibition might be introduced with much satisfaction to the public, appear to have been passed over with silent disdain, although these are now regarded as imperative items in every Eastern regatta programme. The trouble is that the committee here seemingly does not wish to be up to the times. It wants everything to be as it has been since Adam paddled his little dugout and examined the festive clam.

New Westminster anglers have formed an association to check, if possible, the depletion of local streams by net fishing, carried on by wholesale of late by Indians and whites alike. The Dominion government employs an inspector and other fishery officers; the Provincial anglers pay police—and yet there is a singular apathy on the part of both these responsible bodies to apply the proper and drastic remedies to prevent exhaustion of the streams by strictly illegal methods of fish capture.

Here is the programme adopted for the rehearsal of the championship field sports at the J. B. A. meeting on June 11th: 1, one mile; 2, 100 yards dash; 3, 120 yards hurdle; 4, 440 yards dash; 5, high jump; 6, 220 yards hurdle; 7, 220 yards dash; 8, hammer throwing contest; 9, 880 yards dash; 10, short put; 11, broad jump; 12, pole vault; 13, mile relay; 14, boys' race (under 16); 15, sack race; 16, rifting bucket. These events are open to all bona fide amateurs registered in the N. P. A. A.

"Old Fisherman" has a very sensible letter in one of the daily papers, advising fishermen to forego the pleasure of having their dogs accompany them. The dog is pointed out to do no assist in the catching of the ferocious trout, and may, therefore, be easily dispensed with; while they do greatly disturb the nesting ground. For this good reason it is to be hoped that in all cases the dogs will hereafter be left at home by all who go angling.

The Vancouver World says that Victoria's lacrosseists are practising seven days a week and virtually all day long. It also points out that the "B.C. Lacrosse" club, consisting of the Pells, Powers of the Capitals, and Cap Robinson of the Shamrocks, are to play with Victoria. The only error in each particular of the foregoing is that it isn't so.

The footballers of the Egeria have succeeded in winning a game from Nanaimo.

The Victoria baseball league has adopted the following season's schedule, which followers of amateur ball would do well to cut out and paste in their Tam-o'-Shanters: May 28th—Independence vs. North Ward; June 4th—North Ward vs. Fernwood; June 18th—Independence vs. Fernwood; July 2nd—North Ward vs. Independence; July 16th—Fernwood vs. North Ward; July 30th—Fernwood vs. Independence; August 13th—Independence vs. North Ward; August 27th—North Ward vs. Fernwood; September 10th—Fernwood vs. Independence.

Further continuance of high water and cold weather has made the present week little improvement upon its predecessor in the opinion of the fishermen. Several large and well conditioned fish have been taken of late at Shawnigan, while good bags are reported from Sooke, but the average of luck is still unsatisfactory and must remain so until the season is a little further advanced.

To-day the baseball season is opening locally, Victoria playing Bellingham at beautiful Oak Bay. Emerson is to pitch for the home talent, with Smith behind the bat. The others of the line are: Treadway, 1b.; Schwengers, 2b.; Erie, 3b.; Blackburn, r.f.; Burnes, c.f.; Moore, l.f.; McConnell, short. The batting order is: McConnell, Erie, Treadway, Schwengers, Smith, Burnes, Emerson, Blackburn, Moore.

It seems that the time-honored arrangement that Victoria be loyally supported in its celebration of the 24th of May and Vancouver receive reciprocal assistance on Dominion Day, has at last been abandoned. The Terminal City proposes not only to have a big horse race meeting this Empire Day, but a bicycle race meet and athletic sports at Brockton Point as well.

Victoria's young ladies are this season showing unusual interest in trout fishing, and several are already fairly expert casters. The majority, however, lean their faith to the wriggling worm, the technique of "black gnats" and "royal coachmen" being as yet a little beyond them.

Nanaimo, New Westminster and Vancouver are the only cities represented in the Intermediate lacrosse league this season. The schedule calls for championship matches on the 21st and 28th inst., June 8th and 23rd, and July 16th and 28th.

The Fish and Game Club is deserving of all support in its decision to press for an amendment of the Game law totally prohibiting the sale of game for a period of three years. This may be a step toward the only perfect game law—the game law compressed into three words—"prohibit the sale."

The Vancouver College ladies' basketball team, champions of the Pacific Northwest, have met their final signal defeat. It was the five of the University of Washington that waved triumphant colors over them, the score being 11 points to 4.

T. P. O'Connell's famous dogs, Count Rego and Tirpulis Judith have been winning honors, like ribbon and medals at the San Jose bench show.

The Garrison boys brought home the McKeechie cup Monday, and it now is in the custody of Col. English, who "made a few appropriate remarks." The cup itself and the conquerors were received with a band and escorted to the Barracks in true soldier style.

It is not at all probable that that proposed Island vs. Mainland Association football match will be brought off this season. The season is too far advanced.

The Garrison team was successful in defending the Association football championship against the Nanaimo challengers last Saturday, the final tie for honors resulting 2 to 0.

Rossland fans are endeavoring to organize a six-team ball league to include Nelson, Rossland, Colville, Northport, Grand Forks and Trail.

The Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club is doing admirable and most commendable work in prosecuting violators of the Game Law in the criminal courts, a local pounder being fined \$60 here last week for having gone in his possession for sale and a prominent firm of restaurateurs being summoned for Monday next—as it was indicated in last week's "Progress" would be the case did they not take the hint. It is the intention of the club to prosecute all cases of season. It has a standing offer of \$25 reward for information that will lead to the conviction of any person violating the Game Act.

The Victoria Homing Association has been duly organized, with Rowland Machin as president, J. Clarke, vice-president, and J. Lemm, secretary-treasurer. Competitions 'n flight between fast homing pigeons will shortly be inaugurated.

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