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## Surveys For Sealers.

Vessel Owner Agrees That Present Conditions Endanger Human Life.

In a late issue of "Progress" attention was directed to the strange defect in the shipping law of Canada through which it is possible for sealing schooners—each carrying from twenty to forty human lives—to go to sea without official or other compulsory survey to guarantee their soundness and seaworthiness.

The question then propounded still remains unanswered: Wherein is human life less valuable in the eyes of the law and of public legislators upon the sealing schooner, which faces all kinds of weather and all sorts of water, than upon the self-important little harbor tug that can run to shelter at the first sign of pending storm? And why should not the survey as to hull deemed requisite for the harbor tug be equally imperative (if not more so) for the sealing schooner?

For not only does the question remain unanswered, but sealing men—masters, sailors, hunters, and in two cases, owners—have volunteered corroboration of the charges made as to the unsafe condition of a very considerable portion of the Victoria sealing fleet, and the absolute necessity for official survey, with startling information touching the subject—so startling in some particulars that this paper hesitates to give it to the public, not through any fear of unreliability but on account of the extreme seriousness of the accusations made. An owner of sealing schooners who is himself a master mariner as well, may, however, be quoted generally. His information, like the stories of the sealers, was volunteered, and in effect he said:

"It is little short of criminal to send out some of the schooners which are now preparing to make the long and trying voyage to the Behring sea. If official surveys were required, or if the hulls were insured as in the past, they certainly would go nowhere but to the boneyard where they belong. There is the ' ' (naming a well known sealing craft) "which gets away next week. Her entire hull is so rotten it is all but falling to pieces. A few new bits of plank nailed on where the timbers will scarcely hold the nails—plenty of putty and paint, and there you are. If the same surveys were required as in England, there wouldn't be more than half a dozen of the fleet go to sea this season without very thorough overhauling, and public opinion would condemn for all time anyone who would propose to send them out as they are and take the chances of the old hulks hanging together.

"Of course the men sometimes have themselves to blame for going on such vessels. Men often take too many chances if there are a few dollars in sight. But what are the majority of them to do? Sealing is their business. Like soldiering, it spoils them for anything else. They haven't any other profession. And when the sealing season comes round they have to go to work. If they balk at going on some of the old ruins, they're told they can take the work or leave it—if they won't go there are others not so particular. And usually there are. Besides they don't like to be classed as faint-hearted.

"The insurance is carried exclusively on the outfits now. They are usually over-insured for enough to make good for the vessel too if she shouldn't come back. That's one way surveys—which would in very many cases mean condemnation—are avoided. Of course I

don't like the system as it is now. No man who recognizes any responsibility for the lives of others can. But I'm not managing the sealing combine."

Captain J. Graham Cox, one of the fathers of the sealing industry and Lloyd's local representative, in an interview emphatically declares the statements made in last week's "Progress" to be untrue.

"Look at it," said he, "from a business point of view. Every time we lose a vessel it is a dead loss to us as we carry no insurance. By not doing so we make at least \$10,000 a year. Statistics tell us that the loss among sealers is considerably less than among any other class of vessels.

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"Our vessels," continued the Captain, "are always overhauled and in first rate condition when they go out. Captain Grant, the manager of the company, is second to none as a sailor and his knowledge of sea craft is beyond criticism. He would know if any vessels were in poor condition and because it is good business to do so he would not send her out.

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## THE CONCERT AT THE CAMP.

At Macaulay Point this afternoon in connection with the regimental sports, the band of the Fifth will perform the following concert programme:  
March—"Off to Camp" . . . Silberberg  
Overture—"The Amazon" . . . Kiesler  
Popular Selection—"The World Beater" . . . O'Hare  
Caprice—"Dance of the Mermaids" . . . Cong  
Selections from "King Dodo" . . . Luders  
March—"Sons of the Brave" . . . Bigod  
Waltz—"Wedding of the Winds" . . . Hall  
Popular Selection—"Clippings" . . . Finn  
Char. Piece—"The Guardmount" . . . Eilenberg  
March—"The Dixie Girl" . . . Lampe  
God Save the King.

Out at Oak Bay this afternoon, the fast Port Townsend nine is expected to receive a set-back in its winning streak at the hands of the re-organized Victoria team. The locals under Jack Rithet's captaincy, have been doing the practice that counts, and promise to be stronger as amateurs than even in their halcyon professional days. For the game to-day, Holmes will deliver the goods, with McManus, the jewel of a catcher, behind the plate. The principal changes bring Rithet at first, with Potts at the third station, Schwengers retaining his old position at second. The out-for-sport, strictly-amateur, no-Sunday-ball brigade looks like a winning bunch, and all who admire the American game should help them along with liberal patronage.

Upwards of forty yachts of all classes are expected to be here for the big International Racing Association regatta, Vancouver being well represented for the first time in years. One day will be set apart for races for cups and other trophies presented by Victoria residents. To secure the necessary support, an appeal will shortly be made by the local club.

## Citizen Soldiers.

To-Day and To-Morrow Present Fine Opportunity to See "The Fifth" in Camp.

Should sun be bright and weather favorable, to-morrow will undoubtedly witness a general migration from the city out to Macaulay Point. There the white tents of Victoria's citizen soldiers have during the present week dotted the smiling landscape in picturesque and military order. The days have been full of marching, drilling, soldierly activity: the nights of music, singing, and merry and persistent rattle of the drum. The regulars, too, have borne their part in simulating war's alarms to make a general and pleasing holiday, the play of searchlight, boom of heavy ordnance, and all the mysterious complexity of systematic camp training of the modern type going to make most interesting evening. Unhappily the weather has not been altogether kind, and with wind and rain as intermittent comrades the lot of the dwellers on the tented field has not been altogether joyful. Still they are soldiers, and heroism is their portion. To-morrow a drum-head service will be held at a.m.; it should be quite as edifying and to many more attractive than regular church worship. At the same time there can be no short distance outing more delightful than the convenient trip out to the regimental camp, and many will take delight in seeing just how the soldiers are provided for. In the afternoon at three the entertainment of visitors will be especially looked after and the regimental band perform a concert programme which will include the following popular numbers:

Anthem—"Glory to God" . . . Mozart  
Overture—"Lustspiel" . . . Keler  
Bela Selection—"Yeoman of the Guard" . . . Sullivan  
Solo for Cornet—"Queen of the Earth" . . . Pinsuti  
Sergt. W. V. North soloist.  
Selection from "The Prince of Pilsen" . . . Luders  
March—"The Dandy Fifth" . . . Devlin  
Southern Idyll—"The Watermelon Club" . . . Missud  
Paraphrase—"Abide With Me" . . . Monk  
Selection from "Iolanthe" . . . Sullivan  
Excerpts from Victor Herbert's "Princess Chie" . . . Arr. Langley  
God Save the King.

To those who may not know suburban geography as they should, it may be well to mention that Macaulay Point is quickly and conveniently to be reached by taking the Esquimalt car, which lands its passengers directly on the sidewalk leading to the military camp.

While local fishermen are traveling afar to find adequate reward for their exertions, does it ever strike them that they are missing good sport at home. "I have never known the fishing to be better on the Arm, especially from sunset to dark, than it is at present," said one resident of the arm to "Progress" a day or so ago. "The salmon trout are plentiful and strings of four or five are everyday catches. The fish are excellent both in size and quality, and afford fine sport before they are brought to the basket."

Mrs. Chet Belding of Seattle, reputedly one of the best fisherwomen of the Pacific Coast, has invented a new fly that is claimed to be the best killer in northwest trout waters. One of the biggest sporting goods houses of the United States will introduce it. It somewhat resembles the Devil's Darning Needle—but it is different. The body is rather long, and yellow, while the wings are of good size, gauzy and of a drab color.

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# Victoria Day by Day.

**—Ralph Connor's New Story:**  
Lovers of Ralph Connor's works will be glad to know that he has written a new story, "The Prospector," the Canadian serial rights for which have been acquired by "The Westminster," a Toronto semi-religious magazine.

**—The Pavement Is Going:**  
On the principle that the stich in time saved on the civic streets committee should lose no time in giving a little special attention to the block pavement of Fort Street near Government. It shows signs of going in several places—and should be attended to.

**—Grace Bonner at the Y. M. C. A.:**  
Next Tuesday evening Grace Bonner, the impersonator and entertainer, will appear in "Emeraldo" at the local Y. M. C. A. The entertainment is strictly high class. It is not often Victorians have the opportunity to hear a first class elocutionist, therefore no one should miss this. Some of those who have heard Miss Bonner, declare that they have never heard a more delightful entertainer, her versatility and dramatic power being such that her audiences are held spellbound from beginning to end of the programme.

**—Victoria West Water Problem:**  
Appropos of the presentation of the Victoria West water problem in last week's "Progress," it is learned with satisfaction by the residents of the interested section that the matter of acquiring the plant and business of the Esquimalt Water Co., which at present serves Victoria West, is receiving the serious attention of the Council. Authorities are being consulted with respect to the rights and powers of the city under the law, and further steps in the direction of acquiring the plant may be looked for in the near future.

**—Is It The Law?**  
Vancouver is much interested just now in an argument with respect to the law of the Police Court, the point having been raised that there is really nothing in the statutes or bylaws making the fact of being "drunk and incapable" an offence punishable by arrest and fine. To be drunk and disorderly is different of course. But the Vancouver bylaws do not constitute the offence which has been charged against many a man in the Police Court, and for which he has paid his fine or served in the chain gang.

**—Brightening Up:**  
The past week has seen the annual rejuvenation and brightening up of the Hotel Vernon, now recognized throughout Canada and along the coast as the most popular first class and centrally situated of Victoria's hotels. This season its rooms have been made more cosy, homelike and pleasant than ever; while the cuisine is maintained at its famous standard of superior excellence. The Dallas of course ranks now as British Columbia's leading tourist hotel. The Vernon takes the same place with the business travellers.

**—How "Progress" is Growing:**  
"Send over some 'Progresses'; we were all sold out this week in three hours,"—this from one of the cigar store news agencies last Saturday. "Put me down for a subscription right away; my wife told me to be sure and order the paper and I keep forgetting it,"—this from a gentleman in the Treasury Department. "Haven't got time to read half the papers we get now, but send 'Progress' along. My wife says she wouldn't miss it on Saturdays. All the women look for it as soon as it's out,"—this from another busy man. And so "Progress" grows.

**—An Adventurous Voyage:**  
One of the most adventurous small boat voyages on record was last week accomplished by Mr. W. J. Douglas of Dawson, formerly of the mechanical staff of the Colonist, in the crossing of lake LaBarge just after its break and while the floe ice was running strong and threatening destruction to such frail craft as were found upon its surface. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas were on their way out from the Klondike capital and came up river on one of the first steamers of the season out of Dawson. They found on reaching LaBarge that its passage was voted too dangerous for any of the waiting steam craft to attempt it, and so determined to row across, which was done in three days and nights—the entire distance of fifty miles being made in the teeth of danger. Mr and Mrs. Douglas have this week been renewing Victoria acquaintances.

**—Look Out for Them:**  
Counterfeit silver dollars that are of different origin from the bogus quarters and halves alleged to come from China, are flooding the Sound country. The counterfeit dollars are slightly thicker than good money, have a large percentage of alloy, and the milling and engraving are not so clear cut as in good coins.

**—The Reason of It:**  
Many people no doubt have wondered why it is that at every alarm of fire, No. 27 appears to be the call. It is unofficially explained that this arises through the fire alarm system not being as reliable as it might and should be. A box is pulled—it does not respond—the fire keeps on burning—finally recourse is had to the telephone—and "27" is sounded from headquarters.

**—Back From Europe:**  
Mr. Allen, of the "Fit Reform," returned last week from a trip to the Old Country. He visited London, The Isle of Wight, Liverpool, and Belfast, combining business with pleasure. While there he selected some of the newest designs in cloth to be up into Fit Reform garments for the autumn trade, and in anticipation of a brisk business placed an even larger order than usual.

**—A Clean-up Needed:**  
It is about time for the exit of some of the low-down shacks at and around the lower end of Herald street. The Carpenter cabins, occupied by Indians, Chinese and whites, are in a disgraceful filthy condition. Across the road from these a number of Chinamen live in places not fit for Farmer Jones' pigs to inhabit. The place is ready to tumble down, filthy, and wholly uninhabitable. Right opposite the bottom of Herald street across Store street are a number of small shacks occupied by people of four or five colors and twice as many nationalities. They have been standing for about forty years and badly need the refining fire.

**—Desecrating Nature:**  
If there is one nuisance more than another to the abatement of which the Tourist Association may properly bend all its energies, it is the defacement of the rocks and the disfigurement of other features of the landscape by the sacrilegious advertiser. Shawnigan lake has lost half its beauty already in order that it may on all sides blazon the merits of certain local cigars. The suburban drives are rapidly becoming an unsightly billboard. If there is no other means of dealing with the landscape desecrators, lovers of nature's beauty might make a note of the names of advertisers who adopt this method—and never patronize them.

**—The Voice of the Spirits:**  
A very curious circumstance in connection with the long detention at sea of the sealing schooner Triumph, her failure to report, and the consequent anxiety concerning her, is the fact that several of those directly interested in members of her crew have recently consulted spiritualistic mediums, and in each and every case the announcement is the same: "The Triumph, the mediums allege, has not met with any serious mishap. She has been in rough weather, and has suffered thereby to that extent that she is now making slow progress homeward. But she will return, and that without the loss of any lives aboard. Victorians will await the schooner's appearance with earnest hope that this time the mediums may be right."

**—A Pardonable Mistake:**  
On the E. & N. train the other morning, a party of Eastern Canadian tourists enjoyed a mild sensation. One of their number had left the train for a look at the scenery during the short stop at Strathcona, and incidentally had caught a glimpse also of the pleasant face of Mr. M. C. Reynard as he discharged his duties in the mail car. The visitor forthwith reported to his friends that either Sir Wilfrid Laurier or his brother was, incognito, a fellow passenger. The remainder of the trip was devoted to endeavor to catch a chance glimpse of the distinguished traveller. And even yet there are some of the Eastern party who will not believe in the established identity of Mr. Reynard. Nor are they so much to blame. Victorians may not have noticed it, being less familiar with the personal appearance of the venerable Premier, but the Sir Wilfrid Laurier of twenty years ago assuredly did look sufficiently like Mr. Reynard to be at least his twin.

**—The Exchange System:**  
Those who have any knowledge of the working of police affairs cannot but have appreciated and commented favorably upon the excellence of the departmental efficiency which has enabled al-

most every serious crime of recent occurrence here to have been promptly fastened upon the guilty parties, and a conviction recorded—while at the same time celebration and race days have been unmarked by thievary such as almost invariably are accompaniments in other places. Prevention is "down to a fine point" with the officers here. They are on the lookout for bad characters, and order them away as a rule before they are guilty of mischief. And they are largely enabled to detect their presence through the comprehensive exchange system in vogue, Victoria and the American as well as other Provincial cities, exchanging photographs and bulletins of all criminals coming under their observation. It is a good system, and Victoria has much to thank it for, in her immunity from serious crime.

**—The Colonist's New Editor:**  
As foreshadowed in "Progress" three weeks ago, a new editor for the Colonist has been appointed in the person of Mr. R. E. Gosnell, for some time past Provincial Statistician and a journalist of experience and marked ability. Mr. Carter-Cotton was on Monday last sworn in as President of the Executive Council, and will confine his journalistic labors henceforth to Vancouver and the News-Advertiser. It is reported that he will not long retain the merely honorary place in the cabinet which now is his, succeeding shortly to the direction of either the Finance or the Lands and Works Department. Changes are also suggested in the Department of Mines and the Attorney-Generalship. At present Vancouver and the tributary district monopolizes four of the six places in the provincial cabinet.

**—Art and The War:**  
At the corner of Store and Fisgard streets there is a Japanese establishment, the name of which comments on the war, from Japanese artists, are generally displayed. The drawing in these is semi-European, with still a lingering dash of the typical Japanese, and they are not less attractive by any means in consequence. One is a trifle amused to see a Japanese officer leading a gallant charge, mounted on a splendid horse of brilliant green. It tells most eloquently, however, of the rapidity of Japan's forward movement. Hong Kong is a comparatively new thing as yet in the land of the chrysanthemum. The artist probably is as well acquainted with them as Victorians are with camels and hippopotami. He has seen black, grey, white and brown horses quite probably, and has no evidence before him that there should not also be steeds of blue and green, violet, orange and mauve.

**—Enforce the Law:**  
The recent pathetic death by suicide at Vancouver of Bessie Black directs attention to the fact that the Poisons Act, by at least a portion of the practicing pharmacists of this province, is sadly disregarded. This poor, despondent girl had no difficulty in securing a sufficient quantity of laudanum to kill herself, by merely despatching a messenger to the nearest drug store, a comparatively new requisite order, or a copy of the poisons' book—and the offending druggist testified that he knew he was breaking the law, but that that was the practice or the profession. And strange to say, the papers of the Terminal City suppress the name of the druggist, and the police initiate no proceedings against him. Belated comment that the law should be enforced, which will pass like water from the back of the amphibious duck, alone denotes that public attention has been attracted to the danger in issue. The druggists of British Columbia have an association to protect the interests of the profession and demand full recognition of its rights and interests. That association would be considerably advanced in public estimation if it took occasion to identify the offending druggist at Vancouver, and suspend his practicing rights for three or six months at least as a most salutary object lesson.

**—Impure Food:**  
People passing through the E. & N. railway yard have noticed a Chinaman picking watercrust in the Johnson street gully. Whether these were for sale or not is not known, but grown as they are in the filthy water which comes first from the back of the houses of the city, they can hardly be fit food for anyone. This example of the Chinaman's filthy habits is a good reason why people should buy their vegetables from the city stores rather than from the Mongolian peddlers.

**—The Provincial Library:**  
In connection with an article appearing in these columns last week with respect to the transfer of the Provincial legislative library by the public to the Librarian, Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, points out that the public has during the legislative recess full right to make use of

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the library, while he himself is in attendance and desirous at all times of assisting any search of the books that anyone may wish to make. Attention is directed to a paragraph in the Librarian's report to the legislature in 1901, which reads as follows: "The reading room is open to the public when the Legislative Assembly is not in session, and a large number of persons avail themselves of the privilege thus accorded them. However as the library is purely a reference one, books are not allowed to be removed from the premises, although any work may be consulted in the reading room without let or hindrance." The main trouble appears to be that the location of the library is unsuitable and its accommodations sadly inadequate. It should have occupied the rooms devoted to the assembly restaurant, in which event its usefulness would have been much enhanced.

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# News of The Province.

## Samite Outrage at Golden-Phoenix Municipal Tangle—Railway Construction.

A. Alexander's jewelry store at Golden was destroyed with dynamite last night. The police are still investigating the motive and searching for perpetrators of the outrage.

The Ladiesmith Recorder: "A motion to the Royal Humane Society being prepared for the purpose of recognizing in some way gallantry of young Joe Thompson, at the risk of his own life, has only saved two Ladiesmith boys from drowning. Altogether young Thompson has been instrumental in saving five boys, and it is to be hoped the R. H. S. will speedily do something in recognition of his exceptional bravery."

The Kootenay Mail presents its readers with a handsome page of pictures in Victoria the Beautiful as the text. Engineer Hazen is now preparing a report on the Midway & Vernon line for the New York syndicate, and work will begin forthwith if his report be favorable.

As soon as the Grand Forks-Phoenix contract is well under way, arrangements will be made to complete the Midway railway. Work on the New-Midway branch will also begin immediately.

Greenwood has adopted Kootenay, instead of Vancouver time.

Corrections on the northern provinces have been quarantined owing to a single case of smallpox there.

John Houston, M.P.P., expects to see his trial for criminal libel on Mr. Elliott some time during July.

Mr. James Ryan will undoubtedly be mayor of Cranbrook.

(Not) An Indian has been killed at Proctor, of starting a forest fire. He was, however, given a saluatory warning.

J. Hill will encircle the Boundary City with his line of airway.

Sputy-Attorney-General Maclean has completed his inquiry into the municipal tangle at Phoenix. The basis of the inquiry is to be popular negation of the police magistrate's decision exonerating Chief Flood from charges leveled against him by a woman of demi-monde.

British Columbia Methodists have passed resolutions deploring the induction of Chinese into South Africa.

Marlin Crowe, a principal in a recent national criminal case at Vancouver, met his death while stealing a ride on a train near Whatecom.

The coal mines at Morrissey have been ordered to stop operations.

Nelson's ratepayers have voted to assist with a bonus the establishment of P. McGoldrick's mill.

Vancouver's Health Committee has declared against Sunday funerals, and they are no longer permitted in the terminal City.

The Federal Government will give a lease of Stanley Park to the corporation of Vancouver City.

The secondary portion of the Ymir error charges appears to have been done good in the investigation of the administration of justice, for Chief Constable Forrester has been dismissed.

The arm of the law reaches a long way sometimes for those who commit crimes of it. Some time since George Flood mailed an immoral letter to a woman in Everett, Washington, from Puyallup. The matter was referred to the authorities at Washington, D.C., who communicated with the federal authorities at Ottawa. The federal government in turn directed the attention of the British Columbia government to what had been done. The young man was arrested and brought before St. Andrew's Magistrate Crease for examination. The letters were put in evidence against him and was of such a character that he should not have been written. The suit was that the prisoner was committed for trial.

F. McB. Young, whose defence of young Peters in the Chemainus murder trial will not readily be forgotten, is now moving to obtain a reprieve for the man who is lying under sentence of death at Nanaimo. Many persons have been awaiting this announcement, expressing the opinion openly that Peters would not be executed.

At the request of the Dominion authorities, Hon. F. J. Fulton, Provincial secretary, accompanied by Fisheries Inspector J. P. Babeock, left for Ottawa Monday to confer with the Dominion government re the settlement of all fisheries issues between the two governments, particularly with respect to the

clear definition of provincial jurisdiction. Hon. Mr. Fulton will afterwards proceed to England for a visit to his boyhood home.

### VICTORIA'S CHAMPION.

Miss Agnes Deans Cameron Winning a Worthy Place in Current Literature.

Almost every important periodical that one picks up now-a-days, and many of the Sunday supplements of the leading American dailies as well, contains some story or historical sketch by Agnes Deans Cameron, featured and illustrated as its quality demands. She no longer seeks publishers—the publishers seek her now, for her work has won its place on its merits, and is more in demand with each succeeding week.

In last Sunday's Post-Intelligencer appeared the first instalment of a fascinating historical sketch of Victoria—"the most English city of Canada," reprinted from one of the magazines. It is appropriately illustrated and "displayed" and Victorians will watch with stimulated interest for the second chapter.

There can be no doubt about the matter with anyone who gives it thought, that Miss Cameron is doing as much to advertise and create far-reaching interest in Victoria than all other agencies combined. She is performing in a small way for this section of British Columbia what Kipling did for India. She is by her clever stories, each of which is but a piece of artistic reporting with the rough edges of necessary fact smoothed, and each gracefully blended into another, investing Victoria and its environments with romantic as well as historic interest for a wider world, and at the same time she is developing so rapidly as a "literary person" of the foremost class that one is inclined to speculate as to how long she will be able to continue her educational duties here, disregarding the call to larger action in a wider sphere.

Her work throughout shows an especially fine power of quick analysis, Miss Cameron exhibiting, too, a keen eye for artistic values in the affairs of the everyday world that is truest literary instinct. She has also a rare facility in the arrangement and merging of her little details, incidents and characters, to produce a smooth and harmonious whole. Her character delineation is done expertly and with bold, convincing strokes; her appreciation of the humorous is also excellent—a rare thing in a woman writer.

If it may be held to be a serious fault, her weakness is found in over-elaboration, complication of detail, over-polish, her's is not the virile, dashing, outline work of a Kipling or a Alfred Henry Lewis—compelling the reader to collaborate with the writer and accurately fill in with his imagination the complements of the perfected story. The Cameronian style is rather the Dickensian. There is, too, as yet a disclosure of insular, restricted viewpoint, showing that it would be well were the rising writer to study more first-hand and tell of the things that she sees in the busy world without so devoted reference to her library. There is a trifle too much flavor of scissors and paste, albeit with conscientious credit and overwork of the quotation marks.

The writer recalls a little sketch by Miss Cameron in one of the magazines, dealing with the competition for the prize at the Methoson school, which by reason of the fact that it was painted direct from nature, is perhaps her best work in many respects. It is to be hoped that as she grows in literary importance Miss Cameron will eliminate many of the faults of her style—particularly the overdoing of quotation, by which her work is as yet seriously marred. She has sufficient facility in the creation of epigrammatic sentences of her own to spare her friends of bookland, although one must bow to her as a shown voracious reader with a veritable filing cabinet of a memory.

Her place in creative literature is her own—she has already proved herself imbued with love of her work, thorough and capable in research and analysis, and an artist in harmonizing and uniting her detail.

Victorians will do well to keep an eye on Agnes Deans Cameron. The time may come when the house she lived in and the school she taught will be of value as attractions to the Tourist Association.

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# Natatorial Proficiency.

Dominion Day Suggestion Well Received—The Test for School Certificates.

The suggestion offered in a recent issue of "Progress" that Dominion Day might very well be set aside for a tournament of aquatic sport for the boys and girls of Victoria, would seem to have fallen in fruitful soil. A number of leading citizens have come forward and volunteered their assistance and support for such an undertaking, and Mr. St. Clair, whose efforts in teaching swimming to the pupils of the public schools have been of immense advantage to the community, has promised to give his active co-operation also. It is probable that the annual swimming competition of the schools might very well be merged with the Dominion Day sports at the Gorge or at Mr. St. Clair's baths—otherwise the Dominion Day events might be made preliminary to the others. Mr. St. Clair suggests the following programme, to which "Progress" would add a novelty in the form of an aquatic tug-of-war:

- 1.—Boys under ten, 100 feet.
- 2.—Girls under ten, 100 feet.
- 3.—Dingy race, boys under fifteen, three to a boat. By schools, if possible, and as many from each school as can find craft; distance half mile.
- 4.—100 yards championship of Victoria, open to all.
- 5.—Boys under twelve, 100 feet.
- 6.—Girls under twelve, 100 feet.
- 7.—Canoe race, Peterboro, two paddles; boys under fifteen, half mile.
- 8.—Diving, boys under fifteen.
- 9.—Fancy costume diving, boys and girls.
- 10.—Boys under fifteen, 150 yards race.
- 11.—Girls under fifteen, 100 yards.
- 12.—Life saving, 100 feet dash, tackle and carry; boys under sixteen.

The certificates of proficiency in swimming that now are issued in connection with the school competition, show as thorough and intelligent research in this matter as is evidenced anywhere in America. Not only are the boys required to show speed in swimming—which doesn't count for everything when life is at stake. Certificates are issued on a more thorough and comprehensive test. Swimmers are required to do 500 yards in bathing costume; they are also required to swim 300 yards in full clothing with boots and stockings, etc.—just as they would be situated were they to have an accidental tumble into the water; and they are required to rescue a boy of their own weight approximately (both being in ordinary clothing), swim with him 30 yards, and demonstrate the scientific methods of resuscitating the apparently drowned—afterwards passing an examination before Dr. Robertson as to their understanding of the resuscitation programme. This is eminently practical and useful to the community. It is in fact just as it should be. And the authors of the swimming test and certificates do not receive all the recognition and commendation to which they are entitled.

As to Mr. St. Clair's intentions this year, the following letter read at the last meeting of the School Board, is interesting and instructive:

F. H. Eaton, Esq., Superintendent Victoria Public Schools:

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that I shall give instruction in swimming during the holidays, as in former years, and that certificates of proficiency will be issued as in 1903.

I am most glad to say that Dr. Herman Robertson will again take charge of the graduating class. Dr. Robertson's service is of thorough value, and the method of his teaching is equal to the praiseworthy spirit in which he has undertaken it.

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I must ask assistance here: I should be happy if any school trustee in touch with the executive of the Navy League and Lifeboat Association would induce those bodies to provide the boat and equipment I would require for three months.

The idea of aquatic games mooted by Progress is a good one. I have been asked to assist and I will give all the assistance in my power.

All of which is respectfully submitted. I am, sir, your obedient servant. I. ST. CLAIR.

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## THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Reference was made in these columns last week to the tardiness of the people of this province in pressing a claim for the beginning of construction on the Pacific end of the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway simultaneously with the beginning at Winnipeg. Senator Macdonald has given notice that he will move to amend the bill by inserting a provision to that effect. It will probably be rejected, because it is a radical alteration in the terms of the contract between the government and the company. The fact that the amendment emanates from Senator Macdonald will not commend itself to the public generally, for the Senator's chief claim to fame is that he was able to postpone indefinitely the construction of an all-Canadian railway to the Yukon. It will be pointed out with some force that as he misrepresented his province in that matter, he can hardly be taken as a safe guide now. It is altogether unlikely that, when the bill becomes law, there will be any provision in it fixing a date for the beginning of work in British Columbia. The date of commencement here is of such importance that we propose to present the matter at some length.

First, as to the importance of such a provision from the standpoint of the company. Those who have followed the discussion in the House this session must have been impressed with the fact that one of the difficulties encountered in carrying the enterprise in London was the construction of the section through British Columbia. The immediate commercial value of a line across the prairies was universally admitted, but doubts were thrown upon the expediency of undertaking to build and operate a line through this province. There can be very little doubt that the reason why the Grand Trunk Company asked for an extension of time for the completion of the road from five to eight years was the inclusion of the Mountain Division in the enterprise. It was undoubtedly felt that from a financial point of view, it would be wisdom to get the prairies section running at the earliest possible day and go into the market for the money for the British Columbia end when the prairie section is in part at least in operation. The Mountain Division is regarded as an essential part of the project, but as one of the least profitable for some time to come. We judge from the discussion that this is the view of the case held in England, and, while it is not correct, no serious attempt appears to have been made to rectify it by any of the speakers in Parliament. Under these circumstances a contract was made containing no stipulation as to the time of construction of the Mountain Division, except what is implied in the general limitations as to the completion of the undertaking. We wish to be clearly understood: A contract which secures the completion of a new transcontinental line within eight years is an excellent thing for Canada as a whole and for British Columbia as a part of it. A contract securing the immediate construction of the part of the line in British Columbia would have been still better for this province. Whether it would have been better for Canada as a whole would depend upon what the country had to pay for it. We may reasonably conclude that one of the reasons why the Grand Trunk shareholders were willing to accept the arrangement was the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific was at liberty under it to choose its own time for beginning work at any point. If this is the case, it is unlikely that the company would accept an obligation of the kind mentioned without receiving some consideration.

Second, as to the probable point of view of the government. The prime reason for the construction of a new transcontinental railway at this time was the necessity for providing transportation facilities for the rapidly expanding products of the prairies and to promote the settlement of the vast region now attracting so much attention as a home for emigrants from all parts of the civilized world. A secondary reason, which led to the inclusion of the Eastern Division in the project, was the need of providing an all-Canadian channel by which the products

just mentioned can reach the sea. A third reason, which while acknowledged to be potent, was not considered as urgent, was the necessity of having another route from ocean to ocean, so as to strengthen our position commercially and otherwise in connection with the expanding commerce and startling political developments in the Orient. The National Transcontinental line provides for all these to be completed within eight years, and every reasonable man will concede that, even in view of the slight margin of time allowed, this is an achievement hardly open to criticism from the standpoint of time. Whatever may be said as to the other details of the bargain, no exception can be taken as to the length of time allowed for the completion of the work. But, it will be said, the government agreed to begin construction at Quebec and Moncton simultaneously with the beginning of work by the company at Winnipeg. But this is true, but it is also true that there is a vast difference between an undertaking by the government to begin work at certain points at a certain time, and requiring the company to begin work simultaneously at specific points. Doubts were raised as to the ability of the government to complete its section within the eight years, and to meet these as far as possible the government undertook to begin work simultaneously with the beginning of work on the company's position. As to the British Columbia Division, the obligation upon the company is to begin it soon enough to complete it within eight years. From the government point of view this course of action can easily be justified.

Third, from the standpoint of the province of British Columbia. The chief argument that we have seen advanced in favor of the company's position here is that the province has a right, by reason of its exceptionally large contributions to the federal revenue, to expect exceptional treatment. This as a matter of course would have no weight with the company, and from the standpoint of the government the answer may be made that the obligation assumed by the Dominion in connection with the construction of the Mountain Division is exacting and there is no need to be expected that this kind of an answer will commend itself with the same force to the people of British Columbia as it will to those of other parts of Canada, and its sufficiency is one upon which there is no need at present to express an opinion. The attitude taken by the people of this province, who are most deeply interested in early construction, and these directly and indirectly included in this population, is that the immediate beginning of work at the Western terminus and the steady prosecution of it to completion will supply a needed stimulus to business, will enable those now engaged in business here to profit by the large expenditure of money, the opening of new and valuable territory and the influx of people. It is pointed out, and with much force, that if construction proceeds from the East to the West, the East will receive greater benefit than the West, and that the latter will largely be left out in the cold. No question can be raised as to the soundness of this view. Begin construction on the G.T.P. at the Pacific Coast and an era of unexampled prosperity for the Coast Section of British Columbia will at once begin, the public revenue will respond and great and permanent sources of public income will at once be established. The latter two matters, however, from which end construction is carried on, but the former, the aspect of the case which touches the pockets of individuals, will in a very large measure not be realized at all. Hence from the point of view of the province it is of the utmost importance that work on the Western section should not be deferred. There is an additional reason. Doubtless the Grand Trunk Pacific people intend to carry out their contract to the letter, but delays are probably dangerous, and a postponement of three or four years, or perhaps five, before work has begun on the Pacific Coast may mean further postponement, for no man can foresee the conditions of a financial nature which will have to be confronted in the future.

In view of the above considerations, and also in view of the unlikelihood of any provision being inserted in the Bill requiring the company to begin work at the Coast at any specific time, it seems to be the duty of the people of British Columbia to endeavor to convince the company that it is to the interest of the undertaking that work shall be prosecuted from the Western end as soon as surveys can be made. To do this involves the doing of two things. The company must be shown that the character of the country that

will be opened in this province is such that it will pay the company to get a railway through it as soon as possible, and also that the company find it advantageous to make an Oriental connection without unnecessary delay. Can these things be established? We think they can. In the days when the British Pacific was talked about, every one thought that an excellent case had been made out to show that a railway into the central portion of the province would be profitable. A very great deal of information is available on this point. It would be impossible to give in this place even a bare outline of it, but reference may be made by way of comparison to the development of business which followed transportation facilities in Kootenay and the southern part of Yale. Ten years ago any British Columbian would have said that the part of the province which the G.T.P. will intersect is richer in natural resources than any part lying between the C.P.R. and the International Boundary. There is a greater area to be opened and quite as varied and a more extensive distribution of unexploited wealth. The object lesson presented by Kootenay and Yale proves beyond all question that a railway from the Coast into Central British Columbia will be profitable from the outset. Concerning Oriental trade many reasons can be advanced why it is important that a proposed new transcontinental railway, which comes out on a share of this business, ought to be in the field at the earliest possible day. When peace is declared between Japan and Russia there will be a tremendous impetus given to Oriental expansion, and the existing transportation companies, doing business across the Pacific, will strain every nerve to control it. The longer they have to do this, the stronger will their hold upon it become, and the more difficult will it be for a rival to make headway against them. The same thing is true of traffic to be built up with Mexico and other southern countries. No argument need be attempted here to establish these propositions, of the truth of which all students of the situation are fully convinced.

If any attempt has been made in Parliament or out of it to present this aspect of the case, Progress has not observed it. Yet it ought to have been presented. Possibly its presentation might not have led to any alteration in the terms of the contract, but it would at least have prevented an impression from going abroad that the British Columbia end of the railway is a handicap and not an advantage. One cannot but regret that an opportunity that there has not gone upon the records of Parliament a statement of the immense benefit to be derived from the immediate opening of British Columbia by a railway through its central portion. Such a statement would have been of great value. It would have afforded a basis for a campaign to secure early construction, and would have helped the promoters to convince the people of England and elsewhere, who will supply the funds, that the Mountain Division, instead of being a drawback, is one of the most valuable parts of the whole railway, and is capable of furnishing a vast amount of tonnage. Whether it is too late to present our case now we will not undertake to say; but this is certain: It is understood that Mr. Hays, who is at the head of the undertaking, will shortly visit British Columbia. His visit ought to be utilized by a judicious effort to secure the immediate beginning of work on this Coast.

## POLITICS AND THE MILITIA.

A sensation has been created at Ottawa, ripples of which reach even to the Coast, by reason of certain specific charges that Lord Dundonald, commanding general of the Canadian militia, has seen fit to make at a public banquet in his honor at the Military Institute, a ministerial explanation of the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Sydney A. Fisher. In effect the commanding general's complaint was that the minister had shown a disposition to introduce politics into the administration of Canada's citizen soldiery, and had even gone so far in this direction as to reject for politics into the administration of Canada's for appointment as a militia officer. The charge is vigorously denied by Hon. Mr. Fisher, and it is promised that a ministerial explanation of the entire matter will be made forthwith. Quite possibly Lord Dundonald went somewhat further than he would have intended or than was discreet to go, in ventilating what he believed to be a grievance in the manner and upon the occasion selected. All who have the interests of an efficient militia at heart, however, will agree with him that it is highly undesirable to introduce political

elements into the administration. If Hon. Sydney Fisher has done as alleged, the thanks of the people are due to Lord Dundonald for directing attention to the matter, in order that militia government may be put on a definite understanding and the interference complained of not again occur. The denial of Hon. Mr. Fisher would suggest that there has been some misunderstanding. Of course the incident has been seized upon by Opposition politicians, who furnish the information that having run counter to a federal minister, the general commanding will be expected to resign. There seems to be no evidence to justify such a conclusion. Lord Dundonald has already proven himself an earnest, intelligent, progressive and discriminating commanding officer. He seems to understand the democratic character of the Canadian people much better than any of his predecessors, and his suggestions for the improvement of the civilian fighting force are practical, modern and deserving of great respect. It would be a shame indeed were any petty matter of political feeling allowed to interfere with the good work he has inaugurated for Canada's home defence.

## SEALERS AND SURVEYS.

In last week's issue of "Progress" and in this, reference is made to a grievous defect in the shipping law of Canada through which no provision is made for compulsory surveys on that class of vessels employed in the sealing business. The subject is one fraught with the highest importance and deeply and especially concerns the people of this city, where a large majority of the men engaged in pelagic sealing have their homes. There is no survey provided for, would seem to be an error of thoughtless omission. It is, however, a dangerous omission and one which should as quickly as possible be brought to the notice of the Minister of Marine in order that amendment of the statute may secure for sealing men that protection granted other mariners and to which they are as legitimately entitled. No one will venture to suggest that the owners would wantonly send to sea vessels in such conditions that they would not expect them to return. It is quite possible, however, that what is deemed sufficiently sound and seaworthy by a business corporation of the nature of the sealing combine, might not be so adjudged by an impartial official surveyor whose first consideration would be the safeguarding of human life and not the assurance of substantial dividends. The sealing man would seem to be unanimous or almost so in deprecating the condition of many of the vessels of the fleet. The circumstances of their dependency for employment and the natural disposition of sailor folk to take long chances unthinkingly, make it impracticable to expect any direct protest from the coast to Ottawa. Nor is the question of compulsory survey for sealing vessels one which would naturally be taken up by such a business man's organization as the Board of Trade. Eminent philanthropic bodies might, however, with advantage give it their serious attention. The Seaman's Home officers, the members of the Lifeboat Association, and the Humane Society, will find herein a text for beneficial and commendable action. And should they with the certain concurrence and support of a majority of citizens, secure such an amendment of the law as will give the same protection to sealers as is provided by statute for steamboat men, all of the interested community that go to the deep in ships will rise to call them blessed.

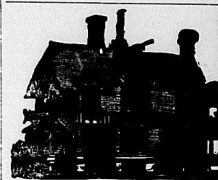
A very modest pleasantry, which appeared in this paper a couple of weeks ago in regard to the Lifeboat Association, has called forth a vast amount of comment. The whole column in which the paragraph appeared was devoted to pleasantries on current events, and absolutely nothing uncomplimentary to anybody or anything was intended. It ought not to be necessary to label jokes; still less ought it to be necessary to say that "Progress" is heartily in favor of the objects of the Lifeboat Association. An interesting rumor political is that Hon. F. E. Carter-Cutler, who has just accepted the presidency of the Executive Council, will shortly assume the more responsible office of Finance Minister, in which he has had previous experience as a member of the Semlin ministry. Hon. Captain Tatlow, rumor explains, is likely to forsake the Provincial for the Dominion political arena, opposing Mr. R. G. Macpherson, M.P., when he offers for re-election in Vancouver city.

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# The Week in Society.

## Morning Teas and At Homes the Order of the Day—Engagements Announced.

A delightfully informal little dinner was given by Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich to about eighteen of the younger members of Victoria society on Sunday evening last their pleasant one on Head street. A charming invitation and variation from the stereotyped order of things was the introduction of a new idea in the arrangement of couples at dinner. Instead of the usual procedure on such occasions, Sir gentleman drew from a jar a slip of paper upon which was inscribed the name of a lady present, and in this manner ascertained who should be his partner for the evening. The table was most prettily decorated and the general arrangement excellent. The band of the ship was in attendance. The following ladies and gentlemen had the honor of being invited to dine: Mrs. LePoeur, Mrs. Foster, Miss Bromley, Miss Vernon, Miss C. G. ...

Mrs. Dixie H. Ross and Mrs. Goulding Wilson have taken Mrs. Hibben's cottage at Cadboro Bay for the ensuing month. It is hoped that the change of scene and air will be of benefit to Miss Ina McFadden, who is making her home with Mrs. Ross.

The engagement is announced of Miss Hedvig Marie Elizabeth Bremer Bruun, daughter of Herr Petter Bruun of Fredrikstad, Norway, to Mr. William Alfred James, son of Mr. John William James of Hillfoot, Mount Albert, Auckland, N.Z.

In consequence of the regrettable illness of Mr. R. William Dunsmyth, brother of the bride-to-be, the marriage of Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmyth and Lieutenant Arthur Bromley, R.N., has been postponed indefinitely.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Margaret Cummings and Mr. George Jenkins, at the Reformed Episcopal church on the 20th instant. They will make a home on Chambers street.

Miss Frances Tupper, second daughter of Sir Charles Hibbert and Lady Tupper, was presented by the Hon. Mrs. Lyttelton at the recent court held by their Majesties at Buckingham Palace.

Miss Mabel Tatlow, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. R. G. Tatlow, has been spending the past week in Vancouver, as the guest of her uncle, Mr. H. J. Cambie.

Mrs. C. C. McCaul and children have left for Toronto. After spending a short time there with relatives they will proceed to Switzerland, being away several months.

Mrs. O. Strathearn of Kaslo gave a large and smart tea last week in honor of Mrs. Robert F. Green, prior to that lady's departure to take up her residence in Victoria.

Miss Mary Ella, after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Nesbitt, is the guest of the Misses Kilby, at The Crossways, Beach Avenue, Vancouver.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Cora Powell, third daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell to Mr. Fordham of Vancouver.

Mrs. E. B. Marvin is giving an At Home this afternoon at four, for her daughter, Mrs. (Judge) Stratton, who is visiting with her.

Mrs. Frederick Foster has been enjoying a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. B. C. Alexander of Fender street, Vancouver.

His Grace Archbishop Christie is reported seriously ill at Providence hospital, Oakland, Cal.

Miss Nellie Nuttall has returned from Vancouver, where she had been visiting with Mrs. R. A. Welsh.

Mrs. MacDougall has been for several weeks the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Campbell Sweeney of Vancouver.

Miss Lily Bennett is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett of Nicol street, Nanaimo.

Mrs. Erb was hostess at an At Home at her residence, Douglas street, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartnagle have taken the Cuthbert cottage at Cordova Bay for the summer months.

Rev. Canon Beanlands is not expected home from the Old Land much before late September or early October.

Miss David spent several days lately as the guest of Mrs. R. H. Fulton, Vancouver.

## RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

THERE seems to be something of a slump in the June bride market.

THESE are the trying (\*) days for June brides.

PROGRESS charges nothing for the suggestion that Vancouver might borrow Victoria's glass-bottomed boat and have another look for that sea serpent.

THE Government should properly uniform General Palmer, commander-in-chief of the army opposing the caterpillar advance.

MATTH Pendleton man who has just married his tenth wife should not be too harshly condemned. He is persistent in his search for his ideal.

PERDICARIS, the Moroccan bandit, should not be confounded with Perionitis. They are really no relations, while the latter is a second cousin of the well known A. P. Penticitis.

THE principals in that Italian quarter wedding at Vancouver which ended in a free fight and a police reception, deserve their punishment. How can a reporter of "a pretty but quiet wedding" deal with such proceedings?

HOW much wood would a woodchuck chuck, if a woodchuck would chuck wood? It's hard to say. We would think, however, that a woodchuck would rather chuck chuck than he would wood. But, speaking of woodchucks, the woodchuck is a ground hog. Now, how much ground would a ground hog grind if a ground hog would grind ground?

CRAIGFLOWER ROAD.

Stand of Esquimalt Water Co. May Bring Determination of Dispute.

The war is on again at Craigflower Road. Last Monday under instruction from the Esquimalt Water Company, employees of that corporation quietly removed the fences erected across the much disputed thoroughfare, which in the past has been the cause of so persistent contention in the western ward. A day or so later Mr. Richard Hall with stalwart supporters at his back, rebuilt the fences, and defied the lightning of local public opinion. The citizens pursued a peaceful policy, and it was left for Mr. Lulb's minions again to raise the siege. The water company, it appears, claims under its corporate privileges the unrestricted right to lay its main along the established thoroughfare which the fences obstruct. It therefore but remains for them to demonstrate the justice of their claim in legal proceedings, and the entire contention as to Craigflower Road will be authoritatively made an end of. The public meanwhile need take no part in the proceedings. It is a case of "Sic'em Tower; Sic'em Tige!"

## FRATERNAL.

W.O.W.—Invitations are out to the members of the Woodmen of the World to take part in a trolley party on Monday evening next. Arrangements have been made by a joint committee of the Victoria camp and Columbia camp for the party to visit Esquimalt and Oak Bay on special cars provided for the occasion, after which the party will repair to the camp rooms, where refreshments will be served by the ladies of the circle. This party will be a novelty in the way of fraternal entertainments, and no doubt a large number of the members will turn out. Admission will be by ticket only.

W.O.W.—Word has just been received of the death of the Supreme Grand Master Workman, William H. Miller, who is a native of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Miller was elected to this highest position the order has to bestow, in June last, and his term of office would have expired this month.

Juvenile Foresters.—The young people of this order held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening in the K. of P. hall. Six new candidates were admitted to the mysteries of Ancient Forestry and three more applications were received. The committee is making arrangements to give the boys and their parents and friends a basket picnic some time next month.

Mrs. Corsan of Vancouver is visiting Victoria friends.

Have you noticed when you meet a person to say, "How are you?" A newspaper man enquires, "What do you know?" But the lawyer hits you on the back and ejaculates, "What have you got?" And the minister asks, "Where

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Eyes for Enlargements.

A London despatch of last week says: The King has again changed his birthday—that is, his official birthday. Following Queen Victoria's example, it was fixed for the end of May, although he was born on November 9, but now June has been set for the official celebration of His Majesty's birthday throughout the empire. During the last two years it has been realized that the end of May was not a convenient time and was therefore decided to choose a Friday at the end of June, because this would enable the birthday honors to be celebrated as nearly as possible midway between two new year days. It was only an accident that this particular day falls upon Midsummer Day, and it is not the fact that the birthday is to be regularly celebrated upon Midsummer Day in future years.

At Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday last, Rev. W. Baugh Allen performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. W. McGillivray of Chilliwack, and Miss Constance Louise, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mellard, also of Fraser river town. Mr. Knott gave the bride away, while the groom was ended by his friend, Mr. Ritchie of Victoria. The bride wore white China silk with orange blossoms, and picture hat with ostrich plumes. Miss S. K. Hugh Allen, who was bridesmaid, was dressed in white cashmere, trimmed with silk brocade, white chiffon hat and bunch of white carnations fastened with pretty pearl pin, the gift of the groom. The bride's and bridesmaid's bouquets were of white roses and carnations. Mr. and Mrs. McGillivray are spending their honeymoon here.

Lord and Lady Borthwick, of Ravenone Castle, Wigtownshire, Scotland, and paying a visit to coast shortly, they have recently been the guests of Lord Dundonald in Ottawa. The barony of Borthwick is an old one. Sir William Borthwick, keeper of Edinburgh castle having been created Baron Borthwick, in the peerage of Scotland, in 152. The present peer, who was born in 1867, married, three years ago, Susanna Mary, daughter of Sir Mark Macgarratt Stewart, M.P., Kirkcubrightire, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Brown of Everett spent their honeymoon in Victoria this week. Mrs. Brown was until recently Miss Sydney Gairnes; she is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gairnes of Sapperton, at which place Rev. J. S. Henderson performed the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Robert F. Green, wife of the chief Commissioner of Lands and forests, arrived with her family from Anso on Monday last, and has taken up her residence in Victoria West, Hon. R. Green having leased the residence the late Henry Brackman.

SLIDE.

"The snowslide is rude, impolite, villainous and entirely unworthy the love and esteem of the human family. When they see their heads, as you would a Montana blizzard unless you wish to die with your boots on and save funeral expenses. Beware of the slide when it rambles on the top of the hill, for in the end it will eat your ozone and make you look smaller than the soul of a dishonest subscriber."—New Denver Ledger.

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# Fire Hose A Failure.

### Supposed to Bear 300lbs Pressure, It Bursts at 69—Losses Point Lesson.

Victoria enjoys (?) to-day the proud isolation of being the only city on the Pacific Coast adhering to the obsolete fire department system which employs a part-paid (or professional) and part call (or volunteer-amateur) brigade.

Portland, Oregon, until recently had been held up for admiration as the bright particular example of the part-call department, retained even when population and area have greatly exceeded Victoria's. Last week Portland abandoned antiquated for modern methods and organized its fully paid department of 183 men, also putting in commission a fire boat that is reported to be the finest in the world, for the protection of the long stretch of riverfront.

Coincidentally the insurance rates in Portland have been reduced, while rates in Vancouver have been advanced from 15 to 50 per cent. and the promise is made that rates for Victoria will go up very shortly.

"Not that the disclosures in 'Progress' have not accomplished their end in the way of reform already," as one veteran fire fighter of this city puts it. "One could scarcely say that in view of the recent purchase of new hose by the Council, and the fact that something nearer approaching discipline is now insisted upon at the fire halls, as three late suspensions attest. The Chief, since 'Progress' has been giving some attention to fire department affairs, has announced that it is time to draw the line somewhere."

Chief Watson, it will be remembered, a very few weeks ago went on record as saying that the city has 8,000 feet of hose in good condition and ready for immediate use. Hose for fire fighting purposes is supposed to be in good condition when it will sustain a pressure of 300 lbs.—at which it is tested when sold. How did it happen that at a half-dry test at the Victoria West fire at yesterday the other day the city hose burst badly at the light pressure of 69 lbs.?

A little information might also be of value with respect to the recent fire at the home of Mr. J. W. Bolden in the Oaklands neighborhood but well within the corporation limits. Is it the fact of which the fire wardens, the Council and the citizens should have information, that an alarm was properly turned in, but failed to reach the fire hall, until a belated telephone message brought Chief Watson to the scene an hour and a half afterwards, when Mr. Bolden's property had been destroyed? And is it not also a fact that—failing the appearance of the department—a stream was turned on from the Oaklands chemical under the direction of Mr. Watson Clarke, and burst as soon as pressure was applied?

The Council may be content to take no notice of disclosures of grave defects in the department that is supposed to guarantee protection from the enemy of fire. Does Mr. Bolden, with his recent losses to consider, feel the same way about it?

And does the citizen and business man whose turn it may be next to suffer?

In the Colonist of May 28th the following appeared in a local item under the caption of "Busy Firemen": "At 11:45 hose 65 was pulled for a fire at the residence of J. W. Bolden, Avalon road. The person who sent in the alarm did not stay to direct the firemen, and it was some time before Chief Watson reached the scene. The apparatus at Oaklands had been taken to the fire and did good work. The cottage was partially destroyed. The loss will probably be \$500."

In the above local is either a deliberate falsehood or a very bad mistake. From the relative positions of the fire hall and the burning house, it would have been necessary for the brigade coming from the city to pass the latter on its way to the Oaklands fire hall where the alarm was given; as a matter of fact the Oaklands alarm was not responded to, according to residents and members of the Oaklands volunteer company, and Chief Watson says it was not received. That it was sent is certain, for Mrs. Watson Clarke, wife of the Oaklands chief, pulled the handle of the alarm according to the directions plainly displayed on the box. She heard it tick the requisite number of ticks and it went back to its place, yet Chief Watson did not turn up until notified by phone after the fire had been extinguished by the local volunteer brigade. The question is who is responsible for the failure of the alarm to come in or the brigade to respond?

It would be interesting to the public to know how many more of the city alarm boxes are not in working order. According to accounts of the Oaklanders the local brigade did splendid work. Chief Clarke and his three sons were working on their farm almost half a mile from the fire hall, yet they were soon on the scene with both hose reel and chemical. All worked with a will but again they were handicapped by departmental neglect in not providing sound hose for the chemical. No sooner was the stream turned on, and not to its full force, when the hose burst about two feet from the nozzle and the chemical was useless. The stream from the hydrant put the fire out, but not until the hose was practically destroyed—all except the woodshed. Mr. Bolden is the loser to the extent of \$500, a large part of which might have been saved had the alarm been received and promptly answered. The actual loss is put by Mr. Bolden at \$1,200 but of this \$300 is covered by insurance. The loss officially published in the Chief's report is given as \$500.

Further the Oaklanders complain that they have been persistently neglected, never getting anything but the cast-offs from the other branches of the department. There is only 150 feet of hose on the reel; if more is required it must be packed out on men's shoulders. They are supplied with heavy rubber hose instead of standard fire hose. The reel being a heavy, man-drawn affair of the old type, this heavy rubber hose is far from easy to transport with the necessary facility. The hose which burst at the Bolden fire, it may be mentioned, was the same which had burst before, a year and a half ago, at the fire at Bolden's residence. It had been merely tied up since then. Now it is replaced by a new one.

### CLIPPINGS AND COMMENT.

The March of Enterprise.—"A Chinese laundry is to be opened on the property adjoining Mr. W. Battison's."—Vancouver World.

In Favorable Territory.—"A merry party of young folks enjoyed themselves at a picnic at Brewery Creek on Saturday last."—Fort Steele Proprietor.

The Recipe for Beauty.—"Several buildings in town are greatly improved in appearance by a coat of paint."—Fort Steele Proprietor.

A Footballer's Paradise.—"Poplar never get its rights unless the citizens keep on kicking."—Poplar Nugget.

A Grade Improvement.—"An effort is being made to have Poplar avenue graded between First and Second streets. This is a very necessary improvement." Poplar Nugget.

Shaking His Friends.—"Chas. M. Keep was shaking hands with old-time friends at Steele Monday."—Fort Steele Proprietor.

### UNCONSCIOUS HUMOR.

How the Colonist Occasionally Cheers the Pathway of Mortals Hereabouts.

Since the Colonist announced in its sporting columns a few days ago that Victoria's baseballers had won a match by "seven goals to five," a few of the observant have learned to look to its columns for hilarity—and without disappointment. Last Sunday's issue announced in startling type on the front page the story of a New York "Mystery of a 'Handsome' Cab"; and as though this were not rich enough one finds the following elsewhere in the paper:

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It is to be hoped that those who try the recipe will note their experiences for the benefit of much interested humanity.

"English" Walnuts:—It will be a surprise to a large number no doubt to know that the greater portion of the English walnuts now sold in local groceries, come from Japan, where walnut culture has proven exceedingly profitable. The shell is a trifle harder than that of the truly English nut, but that is about the only difference.

# Tour of Our Band.

### Star Soloists to Supplement Local Musicians—Civic Advertising Gain.

The end of the present month in all probability will see the Fifth Regiment band of this city departed on its four months' tour of the leading cities of the neighboring republic—a tour which it is safe to say will constitute the greatest continental advertisement that British Columbia's Capital has ever yet received. None of the famous bands of America nor yet of Europe, has heretofore devoted itself to making fame for the city from which it comes. Sousa's, Innes', Godfrey's, Liberati's, "Ta Kildites"—all have been out for the individual or professional advertisement. The Fifth on the other hand will boom no individual, not even the band as a professional musical organization, but the city of Victoria, and its attractions, first, last and all the time. In folders, lithographs, three-sheets, hangers, and sixteen-sheet stands, Victoria will be kept well to the front, and the value of this persistent, thorough, systematic advertising, it would be impossible to over-estimate. Incidentally Victoria's chances of securing the Dominion grant toward a big exhibition here next year, should be materially stimulated through the band's enterprising endeavors. As yet no proposition has been heard of, emanating from the city council, the tourist association, or the board of trade indicative of the appreciation of these bodies of the efforts of the band in this Garden City's behalf. However, the band has not yet done it and it is to be hoped that ere it does, this well-earned recognition will be emphasized.

Victorians will have good reason to be satisfied with and proud of their military band when it is fairly started on its travels. One not infrequently hears such comments on the contemplated tour as, "Oh yes the band is very good, but how will it show up in contrast with Sousa's or Innes' or such bands as those?" Surely the guileless public does not imagine that Bandmaster Finn for a concert tour will not reinforce and supplement "his musical strength with such available soloists as will make the touring representatives of the Fifth equal to any band of similar size that they may meet during their far-extending travels. The bands competing at the St. Louis exposition have been quite properly and intelligently divided into A, B, and C classes—this is a band of twenty, twenty-eight, or thirty-five members. Each of these bands will be required to perform the entire programme allotted to the class in which it has been entered; in addition all are required to take part in festival concerts daily by massed bands under the direction of a distinguished conductor, the programme for these festival concerts including the repertoire of the concert with other suitable selections. The Fifth Regiment band would enter in class for which the contest repertoire is as hereunder:

- Overture—"Zampa"..... Herold
  - Overture—"Orpheus"..... Offenbach
  - Overture—"Pique Dame"..... Suppe
  - Waltz—"Wine, Woman and Song"..... Strauss
  - Waltz—"Casino Tanz"..... Strauss
  - Selections from "Maritana"..... Wallace
  - Selections from "Faust"..... Gounod
  - Selections from "Amorita"..... Czibulka
  - Selections from "The Bohemian Girl"..... Balfe
  - Ballet from Suite in B..... Lachner
  - "Second Connecticut"..... Reeves
- It will thus be seen that the competition selections are in no way difficult, indeed the majority have been played, and well played, by the regimental band at home. The others are quite within their capacity to do ample justice to. For the approaching tour the instrumentation of the band will include three cornets, one flute, one oboe, one E flat clarinet, six B flat clarinettes, one bassoon, three horns, two trombones, one euphonium, two basses, two drums, and the conductor. In addition to the present personnel of the musicians a number of famous band artists, Britishers of course, will be added, these extra men being largely soloists of international renown. Among them is Arthur Rumsby, formerly of the Royal Horse artillery, a noted oboist. Then there is Jack Hughes now living in Portland, who belonged to the old City band here in 1891, and left because Victoria did not afford sufficient scope for the development of his musical

genius; he has been solo clarinet with Wagner for the past six or seven years. M. Chabre from Kneller Hall Musical Academy, is another of the proposed additions; so also is W. S. Vanover, late of Mangamshire, Wales, and now of Lexington, Virginia, a favorite of the Sousa and Innes forces, and one of the greatest basses in the world, who will play monster bass under the leadership of Mr. Finn; D. C. Rosebrook, cornet, now with Paul Steindorff's forces; and E. Derville, euphonium, are other extras. The band thus reinforced will be a thoroughly proficient and musically body. It hopes to open a season of four to six weeks in concert programmes with Mackay's great circus at St. Louis some time in early July, and will also arrange for concerts at the Canadian Building, and under Colonel C. M. Watson, Commissioner General, at British headquarters. The tour engagements hereafter will take the band to places in Washington, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania, Kansas and Colorado. Besides giving the best of band concert programmes, a specialty will be made of singing choruses of popular songs, a feature which no other touring American band has yet attempted.

No one who has not had the pleasure of visiting the offices of the band during the booking and other preliminary arrangements, can form a fair idea of the immense amount of work and the elaborate system involved. In fact it all is system. Maps of every state in which dates are or may be made are carefully prepared. The towns are marked with population and other necessary statistics, not forgetting the location of musical unions, whose prices in no case must be under-cut. All fair, practical, and summer resort attractions have been noted, checked, written to, and the answers recorded. The files and walls are filled with systematic date cards, contracts, memoranda, telegrams and advertising preliminaries. The entire office is a maze of thousands of communications so arranged by system that any one or any subject may be reached in a moment's notice. And this is why it is that Bandmaster Finn, Mr. Sheppard and the other workers have been busily employed both night and day during the past few months.

Victoria will greatly miss her regimental band during the summer season, but must rest well content in knowledge of the fact that it is engaged in a monumental advertising mission for the city in which all good citizens will wish it gratifying success.

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# The Realm of Sports

## Water Sports for Young Folks—The Fishing—Baseball This Afternoon.

One finds it hard to understand the position taken by the Colonist in lacrosse matters—its references to recent complications read as though written in and for New Westminster, to suit the restricted New Westminster horizon and sublime disregard of pertinent facts. Here is a late example ament the withdrawal of the Royal City team from the association: "Of the pros and cons of the decision arrived at in New Westminster so much has been written in advance that there is not much more to say. The New Westminster club has not been treated fairly by Vancouver in the matter of defaulting the games for the last year's championship, but as these team are amateur organizations and there is plenty of money in sight for this year's schedule matches, it would seem that New Westminster might have accepted the championship of last year by default and gone quietly ahead to win it this year also. There is no question but that New Westminster was the best team of the two last year. But—is a fellow always bound to stand up and take a licking to oblige the other fellow?"

The conclusions so placidly enunciated are certainly unique. "New Westminster was unfairly treated by Vancouver as to last year's championship,"—the Colonist says so, and that settles it! "New Westminster might have accepted the championship by default!" Vancouver's defaulted match be it remembered merely qualified New Westminster for another and decisive match which should decide the championship. "There is no question but that New Westminster was the best (why not better?) of the two teams last year!" Oh dear, oh dear!! This surely is news.

Next Saturday at the Oak Bay Park, Victoria's ball team meets the Bothell, Wn., bunch under Blackburn's management. This aggregation out of the last eleven games played, has fallen in only two. They have three star pitchers in Paddock, Bothell and Swann, and otherwise are a vigorous and likely lot. Forty or fifty supporters will accompany them on their Victoria side trip. The team in batting order is: Sheets, 2b; Clark, 3b; Norman, s.s.; Schoeder, c; Gillespie, 1b; Holmes, i.f.; Briggs, r.f.; Rogers, c.f.; Paddock, Bothell, Swann, pitchers.

The fishing has not been of the best this week, owing to chill weather. However excellent bags are being made both in the river and at Cowichan lake. At the annual meeting of the Field Trials Club held lately in Vancouver, J. L. G. Abbott was elected president, H. S. Rolston vice-president, and Thomas Plimley, of Victoria second vice-president. It was decided to give a cup to Miss Winifred E. Davie of this city, who won the Derby stakes last year with her English setter "Roy's Lady."

Victoria is shortly to lose one of her best oarsmen in the person of Des-Brisay, who immediately after the big regatta of the N. P. A. O.—in which he will row both in the senior singles and in the doubles, with O'Sullivan—intends to leave the city, to seek better business opportunities.

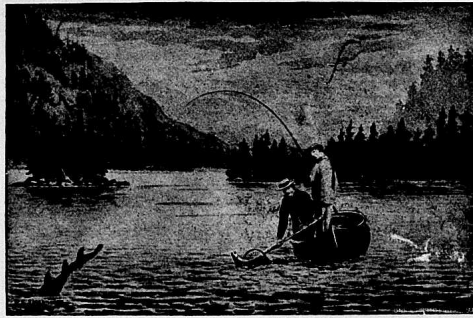
The community of good sportsmen will regret the departure of Mr. C. L. Cullin, veteran of the lacrosse brigade and one of the best all round sportsmen and good fellows in the city. Mr. Cullin is going into the highlands of Cassiar (joke) for a few months.

It is to be hoped that Victoria will not for a moment consider New Westminster's request for exhibition lacrosse matches this season. If ever a club was in need of disciplining in the true interest of sport, New Westminster is that club and now the accepted time.

To Mr. W. Lang, of the government service here, belongs the honor of having bagged the best fish yet taken in Sooke lake this season. It was killed with fly last Sunday and weighed one and a half pounds.

Rev. John Antle of Fairview, Vancouver, has started with his ten-year-old son as his only companion, on a 200-mile cruise up the Coast in the Laverock, a boat of his own building.

Out at the driving park to-day the J. B. A. A. field meet, in preparation for the annual field sports of the N. P. A.



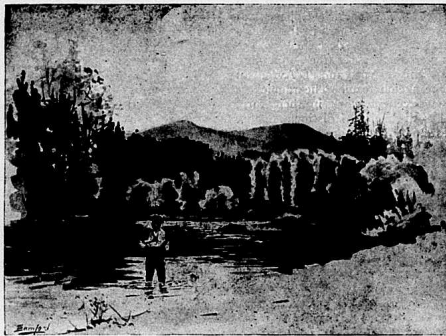
At Shawnigan Lake.

A. A. is being held. The entries are numerous, and the excellent programme promises to be productive of much good sport.

In their first engagement, last Sunday, the newly organized B. C. baseballers of this city were defeated by the Rainiers of Seattle by "six goals to four," as the Colonist would say.

A meeting of the lacrosse association held in Vancouver Thursday in the hope of bringing the difficulty which takes New Westminster out of the league, resulted in complete failure.

New Westminster defends her disappointment of Nelson as forced by the refusal of Kaslo to permit of any second match being played in the Kootenays.



On the Cowichan.

Commodore Langley's yacht Dorothy won last Saturday's race in the cruiser class, while in "D" class Dione had matters all her own way.

Should the Centrals win the majority of their matches this season, medals will be awarded them by the Victoria lacrosse club.

The first local intermediate lacrosse match is being played to-day at Caledonia Park between Victoria West and James Bays.

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