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Insurance

Breezy Meeting of the Local Un- derwriters' Board—Victoria Sidetracked?

The Victoria Board of Fire Underwriters held a very interesting session on Tuesday last, the meeting lasting all day. In addition to the local agents of the fire insurance companies there were present Messrs. Pollochi and Tiedeman of San Francisco, and Lewis of Montreal.

The object of the meeting was to consider a proposal to amalgamate the Victoria and Vancouver Boards, and remove the headquarters of the insurance business for British Columbia to the Mainland city.

This matter was first broached about ten months ago by certain Vancouver people, but was stoutly resisted by the Victoria men. Tuesday's meeting was called ostensibly for the purpose of enabling the gentlemen above named to consult with the local men, but the consultation was purely a formal affair, as the majority of the companies had already been persuaded to instruct their agents to vote for the amalgamation.

Some of the instructed companies refused to acquiesce, but in all only eight of the companies were put on record as opposed to the transfer of the business to Vancouver.

Under the arrangement which has existed for many years with every satisfaction both to the companies and the public, Victoria had its own Board of Fire Underwriters, which had its own secretary. The new plan provides for a board at Vancouver on which Victoria will be represented. The presidency and vice-presidency are to alternate between the two cities, so that when one has one office the other will have the other, but the secretary and the head office are to be in Vancouver.

Naturally the Victoria agents objected to the change. They claimed, and the claim was not disputed, that the new arrangement would be more expensive than that which has been in force; that the existing system has been wholly satisfactory, which also was not disputed; and that the proposed change will have the effect of throwing business into the hands of the dissenting companies and lead to the establishment in the city of non-board companies.

The discussion is said to have been courteous, yet tolerably vigorous; and while it would not be correct to say that any one attacked any one else, there is ground for saying that complaints were conspicuous by their absence. Such of the local agents as took part in the debate were very strong in condemning the contemplated change. Undoubtedly local pride had something to do with their staunch attitude, but no one will blame them for standing up for their city.

It is stated that the Board of Trade is to be asked to take up the matter with the view of entering a protest in the name of the business men generally against this needless change.

—Holding Its Popularity:

The big bargain sale conducted by Mr. A. Blvch in the Balmoral Block seems to be drawing larger and larger crowds of lady shoppers daily, as the purchasers spread the news of their luck among their intimates. The bargains advertised are bona fide, and the ladies realize it. Hence the popularity of the sale. Honest statements of fact cemented together make a good foundation for business success.

Interests

Random Reflections

IS YOUR fruit all put up yet?

THAT new steamer "Dominion" is certainly a Gorge-ous craft.

QUEER, isn't it, that there should be no cars on Carr street?

THE timely question is: Are your clocks on straight?

NO, Gentle Reader, Fletcher's "Mite" is no relation to the widow's.

THIS is a Capital city to live in—the sentiment's all right, if the pun does merit capital punishment.

ALTHOUGH it is no longer June the output of brides shows no perceptible decrease.

BUSH fires and grass fires now divide public attention with the serial story from Port Arthur.

AN OUTBREAK is reported among the Indians of Fort Yukon. It is an outbreak of measles.

THE big sprinkler that doesn't need horses has at last laid the dust on the Esquimalt road.

AS A QUICK-PROFITS proposition, the investment of Port Arthur would not appeal to the speculative.

DAVID B. HILL'S influence at the recent Democratic convention should be accepted as a miraculous verification of resurrection truth.

NANAIMO'S police have made the astounding discovery that there has been gambling going on there. Of course it is all among the Chinese.

IF THE Republicans cannot have fun with a Democratic nominee for vice-president bearing the name of Gassaway, they deserve to lose.

WHEN you go across from the Post Office to the Parliament Buildings, what street do you take—Government or Birdcage Walk?

DON'T grumble about exercising the lawn mower or the garden hose—it's easier than shovelling coal and less expensive.

MAYBE Cleveland is a good enough fisherman to know when they are biting, and when it is time to try a new fly.

SHEPARD, who goes down for a year for the embezzlement of \$100, evidently forgot that he had a tooth-ache four years ago.

IT IS the silent man who talks best sometimes. Hearst shouted through his money barrel, but it was the non-whispering Parker who appropriated the persimmon.

WONDER if the Vancouver Province meant anything in referring to an amateur performance under the significant heading "Will Produce Patience"?

JACK QUANN of Vancouver lost a \$200 diamond the other day while searching for the bankroll taken from his brother and himself. It begins to look as though the Quanns needed a guardian.

HERE is another little easy one for the junior arithmetic class: If the Colonist introduces a young lady married on July 5th as "another June bride," how many pounds of the famous "Dixi" 35-cent tea can be bought for a quarter and a short bit?

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Explanations

In Order

Curious Developments Present Themselves in Connection With Civic Deal

In a recent issue of "Progress," appeared the following local item under the caption of "A Question in Arithmetic":

"A correspondent of 'Progress' is very anxious to know just how the city council works out to the satisfaction of the ratepayers, this little question in arithmetic: Some time ago the city advertised for 3,000 yards of beach gravel for use in the construction of permanent walks. Among the bids was one from Mr. Bullen's firm at 48 cents per yard, delivered at wharf. To this 30 cents was added for haulage and wharfage, making a total of 98 cents a yard delivered. The city awarded the contract at \$1.13 and agreed to pay 7 cents a yard wharfage in addition, or a total of \$1.20 a yard. This to the ordinary mortal looks very much like a deliberate loss of 22 cents on the yard, or upwards of \$600 to the city. How does the council work it out otherwise?"

There was no answer to the question volunteered by any of the members of the aldermanic board, who one must be permitted to suppose, have worked out the problem to a result satisfactory to the citizens.

Yet how has the matter worked out in practice?

If "Progress" be correctly informed, the recipient of the contract promptly "threw it up." And it was then discovered that there had been no deposit as required to guarantee satisfactory performance.

The city is now paying \$1.25 per yard for its gravel, more than has been ever before paid—27 cents on the yard higher than a bona fide and reliable tender of a dependable firm, or \$10.00 in excess of that firm's tender on the total quantity required.

Fresh tenders were not invited, nor was the lowest tender given consideration.

Moreover, the gravel is being hauled from Ross Bay, from the very place from which the city had said with emphasis that no more beach gravel should be taken.

An explanation is certainly in order—to the property owners who will pay their proportion of the added expenditure in frontage assessment—and to the citizens generally.

—"All's Fish, Etc."
 Among the catch taken at the traps at Sooke last week were a monster shark, a sea lion and a black fish. The shark was an exceedingly troublesome customer and temporarily disabled some of the hoisting machinery.

—A Deserved Compliment:

"Victoria is the cleanest city I ever was in," was the remark of a business man from Chicago, who spent a day here last week. There is no denying that the business part of the city is exceptionally clean. It could be made still cleaner, and this is an important consideration during the windy days of the latter part of the summer, if the by-law prohibiting the throwing of any rubbish on the streets was strictly enforced. Some of our business houses are sinners in this respect. They do not sweep out much stuff on the sidewalk, but what they do dispose of in that way is a source of much annoyance.

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Tramway Rank and File Make Handsome Present to the Manager

In these strenuous days of strikes and lockouts, of irrational and mutually disastrous warring between capital and labor, it is pleasant indeed to find a few big corporations in whose enterprises harmony reigns undisturbed by agitation, where legitimate rights are freely admitted by management and by men, and where reciprocity in respect and esteem is as an oil to make all the wheels run smoothly. No better example of such model union of Capital and Labor in satisfactory service to the state is found in Western Canada than is afforded by the British Columbia Electric Railway Co. Ltd.—a corporation faithfully contradicting the popular ironical denial of soul to business companies, in whose enterprises strike waste is an unknown quantity and whose rank and file here (as well as at Vancouver and New Westminster) form one happy business family.

The friendliness of the relations between the management and the men in this city was pleasantly evidenced a few days since in a re-union of the company's Victoria workers of all departments, whereof the Hotel Victoria was the scene, and at which the local manager, Mr. Albert T. Goward was the guest of honor, the employees under his supervision being the hosts of the occasion. The dinner was designed to mark Mr. Goward's then approaching wedding—solemnized on Tuesday of this week—and to afford a favorable opportunity for the presentation by the united workers of a magnificent testimonial of esteem—a handsome Gerhard-Heintzman piano.

The dinner was in the best style of the Victoria, and was attended by all the company workers who could arrange a temporary respite from their exacting duties as servants of the public. Mr. A. Lineham acted as chairman and the decoration of the room and tables, as well as the menu cards, were in excellent taste and of marked appropriateness. The menu itself was as hereunder:—

- Rice Pomato, Clear Consomme
- Spring Onions, Radishes, Dill Pickles
- Sweet Pickle
- Crab Cakes, Tartar Sauce
- Potatoes Honeycomb
- Cornstarch of Sweetbreads, Stuffed Tomatoes
- Roast Beef, Stuffed Veal, Lamb, Mint Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Asparagus
- Victoria Pudding
- Strawberry and Lemon Ices
- Medoc and St. Julien, Dry Sauterne
- Haut Sauterne

Upon the disappearance of the substantial from the hospitable board, the toast list was duly inaugurated with a loyal and patriotic "health to His Gracious Majesty."

Then came the presentation, which was made by the Chairman amidst cheers, and acknowledged with such terms of appreciation as Mr. Goward could command, sincerity ringing in his manly acknowledgment of his deep feeling, and in his simple admission that he was overcome by the warmth of the general manifestations of friendship and regard made by his associates of the service. While the occasion was one that would always linger in his memory and while the gift of which he had been made the recipient, was one of exceeding value, he assured the givers that the sentiments which prompted such a splendid token of regard were to him of infinitely higher worth.

The presentation had been concluded by Mr. Lineham with a toast to Mr. Goward, and his reply was in

the nature of a dual acknowledgment and response.

Then followed other toasts: "The Mechanical and Track Departments" was called for by Mr. D. Dewar, responses being elicited from Mr. W. Armstrong and Mr. P. J. Riddell.

"The Traffic Department" was proposed by Mr. W. H. Smith, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Gibson, the traffic superintendent.

Mr. P. J. Riddell gave "The Clerical Department," which brought Mr. Lineham and Mr. H. A. Goward to their feet in response.

"The Ladies" found a proposer in Mr. J. G. Battersby, and champions in Mr. R. Findlay and Mr. R. Wilson. "Our Host," called for by the Chair, was suitably responded to by Mr. E. E. Leason.

Of the gift itself, which will occupy a proud position in Mr. Goward's new home, of which he has very lately taken possession: it is a new style Gerhard-Heintzman in English black walnut, the carving of the panels being hand-chisel work in wood, and not stucco or pressed work, machine carving. The case is double veneered inside and out, with trusses and panels carved in relief, rich mouldings across the top of the upper front frame, on pilasters, bottom frame, and key bottom, and entire swing front with music rest, and continuous hinges on the fall. It is an art instrument as well as one possessed of exceptionally rich tone and full volume, and was specially selected by Messrs. Fletcher Bros, the local agents of the manufacturing firm.

Among the employees participating in the pleasant presentation were Messrs. G. M. Tripp, H. Gibson, A. Lineham, J. G. Battersby, H. A. Goward, J. McArthur, C. Wilders, E. A. Eagle, W. H. Battersby, J. Burt, W. H. Armstrong, Thos. Grice, F. Dresser, G. Lewis, J. T. Skipsey, Hy. Norman, J. Munnis, D. Cross, E. Goudier, R. Hawke, T. Mason, P. J. Riddell, R. A. Barr, E. Davis, E. W. Hall, A. Duncan, H. Allnut, E. Bromell, D. I. Walker, S. G. Peele, G. V. Reynolds, H. S. Ward, W. H. Gibson (conductor), D. Dewar, R. Grice, D. R. Black, E. E. Blake, V. Dempsey, J. Bayliss, W. Peddle, V. Ground, E. Goodall, C. Thornton, L. Cates, E. Palmer, J. Phillips, A. E. Talbot, J. M. Ritchie, L. D. Cummings, W. Harris, J. B. Rich, R. Dewar, A. R. Daney, A. E. Collis, C. Barr, H. Bellamy, T. Roberts, J. D. Odgen, W. Stebbings, C. Jones, R. Cunningham, R. Barr, J. Easton, H. Higgins, W. Disher, T. Hornbrook, T. Davidson, D. Arnason, J. L. Hornbrook, J. McLeod, A. Clayton, W. Doyle, T. Targett, W. J. Good, R. C. Ward, G. Mitchell, A. Beicher, H. M. Walker, W. H. Gibson (Jr.), J. Wilks, A. H. Tason, W. H. Smith, W. Yerrill, C. Ranus, J. Bennetts, T. N. Corder, G. Henshall, T. Wheeler, G. Ruda, J. Robinson, Otto Bohmann, W. Gates, J. Webb, Wm. Smith, J. Findlay, E. A. Bell, A. McInnes, G. H. Smith, J. Cameron, A. Newton, C. E. Cooley, W. Wilks, F. Cole, R. A. Ritchie, Ben. Cross and R. Creech.

UNTRUE PARALLELS.

Editor "Progress":
Of course a little bilions section of the community was just waiting for someone to be punished in the criminal courts in order that they might institute comparisons with the Hall case, thereby successively impugning the integrity of the administration of justice, while working up a false and undeserved sympathy for the person convicted in the latter instance. Francis Shephard, the clerk of the Driard, has been selected as the recipient of sympathy in the case in point. According to evidence he has been sowing wild oats industriously during a number of years. He has

appropriated and sold his wife's jewelry in order to dissipate the proceeds; cashed bogus checks in San Francisco; failed to maintain and even ill-treated his family; falsified his books; and helped himself to his benefactor and employer's money when that gentleman was receiving the sincerest sympathy of the community on account of his heavy losses by fire. And he was given one year. Common sense denies that he was harshly dealt with. It also denies any parallel with the case of T. B. Hall. The latter had been a good citizen and husband by far the greater part of a lifetime. He had borne himself as a man under cumulative misfortunes. Then he made one false step and used moneys of which he was custodian, fully intending to replace them at once, and having as he believed a fully sufficient sum coming to him and then payable out of the settlement of an estate in Montreal. That worries in health had impaired his mind was evident from the way in which he lost his money citizen and his good name. Out of kindness to Mr. Hall and his family this point of the affair has been untouched. The way in which he was "taken down the line" is, however, a subject that the license commissioners should quietly and honestly investigate. It touches the responsibility of the city to society, in licensing places that would not be tolerated anywhere else in Canada or in the Northwest, and which are among the strongest forces extant for the ruin of young men.

But as to parallel between the Hall case and that of Shephard—it doesn't exist. Hall received heavier and more adequate punishment in the moment he felt a policeman's hand upon his shoulder, than Shephard will experience in the full term of his incarceration.

HORSE SENSE.

Victoria, July 12, '04.

Random Reflections.

AS AN example of English as she is wrote, it may be mentioned that there was a young lady of Vaughan who treated her lover with schaudagen; he gave up his suit when her father's big butt shot him hastily forth on the laughan.

THERE cannot be much satisfaction in it for Parker, even if he is the presidential nominee. The best he can get out of it is the worst. And the only fame accruing will be the honor of being named as the man whom Roosevelt beat in 1904.

THE most important war news of the past week is to the effect that the Twentieth Century Archibald Forbes, Mr. Gordon Smith, almost went to the front, having intended going by one of the transports that was pulverized by the ride Russians. Mr. Smith is making a great name for himself. While the details of the business such as Bennet Burleigh, Davis, et al have been grumbling about not being able to get to the seat of war, he has been grinding out countless tons of the highest grade war matter at Tokyo, proving conclusively that it is a mistaken idea for a war correspondent to go to the front at all. His work is now published with illustrations in all the papers of Europe and signed "Gordon Smith" in large 100-point gothic. The Czar is known to have petulantly thrown away one of Alexieff's despatches last Tuesday, upon noting that it was unconfirmed by Gordon Smith's latest letter as reprinted in the "Pulaski Democrat and Bird of Freedom." It is understood that Mr. Smith when he has settled this war, will return to Victoria, although he has been offered the editorial charge of any of the great dailies of London.

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- White Vesting and Organdie Blouses, worth \$3.50, for \$1.90 each.
- Beauties in Allover Heavy Lace worth \$6.00, for \$3.95 each.

Fraternities.

Odd Fellows.—The three local lodges of the I. O. F. held a joint meeting on Monday evening for the purpose of installing their newly elected officers for the coming half-year. Each lodge was well represented by officers from each taking part in the installation. After the necessary orders were taken and exhortations given the members proceeded to regale the inner man with ice cream, rawberries and confections, a most pleasant time being spent. The following is a list of newly installed officers:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.—W. E. H. Smore, N.G.; R. W. Short, V.G.; D. Davey, Rec. and Fin. Sec.; T. M. W. Shaw, Treas.; J. Fry, War.; W. W. Livingston, C.O.; W. Padison, I. E.; R. Livingston, R.S.N.G.; J. Joseph, L.S.N.G.; E. W. Millington, S.V.G.; E. Fry, L.S.V.G.; J. Renwick, R.S.S.; T. Renfrew, L.S.S.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; J. H. McConnell, organist.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2.—A. R. P. Alderwood, N.G.; C. R. Bishop, V.G.; J. A. Jewett, Rec. Sec.; W. Jackson, Fin. Sec.; H. A. Porter, Treas.; J. H. Feldman, War.; D. S. Mowat, Con.; G. G. Craig, I.G.; R. Marwick, R.S. G.; G. E. Pearce, L.S.N.G.; J. H. Paterson, R.S.V.G.; F. Taylor, L.S.V.G.; V. H. Huxtable, O.G.; C. A. McGreer, R.S.S.; G. H. Genn, L.S.S.; W. Jackson, organist.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4.—T. W. Hawkins, N.G.; A. A. Milligan, V.G.; J. Bamford, Rec. and Fin. Sec.; P. A. Abington, Treas.; A. E. Goodall, J. W. Wilks, Con.; T. E. Harper, G. J. Bell, R.S.N.G.; W. H. Merfield, L.S.N.G.; F. B. Slaver, H. S. G.; T. G. Gray, L.S.N.G.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; C. E. Stevens, R.S.S.; L. Hornbrook, L.S.S.; Rev. E. G. Miller, chaplain; F. Dresser, organist.

Orangemen. The members of theoyal Lodge held their annual church parade on Sunday last, July 10th, to the Metropolitan church, Pandora street, accompanied by the Sons of England, a goodly number of other fraternal participating. The parade started from the A. O. U. hall, Yates street and veered its way along Orchard and Pandora streets to the church, returning by way of Quadra street to the hall, where suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. W. O. Wallace of the Orange Lodge and Messrs. A. H. and Gardiner, presidents of the lodges of the Sons of England of the city. At the church special music was given under the able leadership of Mr. Gideon Hicks, who sang to a high order, and well rendered, especially the unaccompanied anthem, "The whole choir. The Rev. Mr. Dana preached a powerful sermon on the text "What Meant Ye by His Service?" The reverend gentleman after pointing out the reasons why the Orangemen held their service on that day, and the origin of the text, impressed upon his hearers that it was the duty of each Orangeman to attend public worship, not only on that day, but also on their fifty-one Sabbaths in the year and also to remember that there were 64 days in the year besides the 12th of July and that, to be true Orangemen, they had to be Orangemen on each and every day in the year. To take his remarks the more forcible he quoted "When the Devil was ill, the devil a monk would be; but when the Devil was well, the Devil a monk was he." The reverend gentleman concluded his sermon with a strong appeal to his hearers to be Orangemen in every sense of the word, not to let envy, hatred, or malice, enter into their lives, but to show "good will to all men," working together for the good and welfare of all, irrespective of creed and politics.

Astonishing and surprising as it may be, it is no longer a fact that the Mutual Life of Canada from the date of its organization in the year 1869 up to the present year has been able during all those years to pay all death claims out of the interest received on its investments. All profits in this company go to policyholders. For rates and particulars apply to R. L. Drury, manager, 34 Broad street.

Summary Conviction.—Mr. Paul Sumson of Westham Island brought to town a year-old doe which he presented to the firemen's zoo, but owing to there being no more accommodation at the firemen's quarters it was sent to join the herd at the penitentiary.—Columbian.

New Seasons.—Use Price's Pure Strawberry Jam. Gold Medal Brand.

SIXTY YEARS' PROGRESS.

Toronto Globe Celebrates a Notable Anniversary.

In connection with the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of its establishment by the father of Liberal journalism in Canada, the late Hon. George Brown, the Toronto Globe has issued a souvenir number that is easily the most artistic and readable, as well as the largest edition of its kind in the history of Canadian newspaper-making. The special number is at once a readable review of Canada's progress, coincident with that of the Globe; a valuable work of reference; and a directory of the most enterprising and prosperous business houses of the Dominion. It is such a number as goes far toward compelling recognition of the quality and enterprise of the Canadian press. And it evidences that the Globe staff of today is in quality and energy every way worthy to be the natural growth of the pioneer authors of the big paper. Here are a few facts concerning the special edition which will be read no doubt with interest:

It contains 44 pages of calendared paper and 32 pages of ordinary news—76 pages in all. Eighty thousand copies have been issued. The entire edition was exhausted before the paper went to press, and it is only by the courtesy of a number of advertisers who consented to take fewer papers than they desired, that any copies are available for the general public. The total weight of paper required to produce the Sixtieth Anniversary edition was 114,400 pounds; that is 57 1-5 tons, or, roughly speaking, three carloads. If the papers were piled one on top of the other in quarter fold, 12 by 8 1/2 inches, the form in which they go to the reader, the pile would be almost a mile high, twenty-five times the height of Brock's monument, or fifteen times the height of St. James' Cathedral spire, the highest structure in Canada. If the sheets printed on both sides were pasted end to end, they would reach almost from Toronto to Winnipeg. Perhaps a better illustration of the amount of printing involved is the statement that the presses rolled out printed matter that, laid down one page wide and each page touching the one next to it, would stretch from St. John, N.B., to Winnipeg, by way of Toronto and North Bay, a distance of over 2,100 miles. If the columns were pasted one on the end of the other the "string" would extend a good deal more than half way around the world, 14,000 miles, to be accurate. It is interesting also to note, as showing the relative speed at which fine and ordinary printing is done, that, while the half-tone section of this paper has been in process of production for four months, the pressrooms of four different printing offices having been brought into requisition, the remaining thirty-two pages were produced by The Globe's own perfecting presses between the hours of 2 and 6 a.m. on the day of publication.

Protect the Birds:

A very interesting letter from Captain John T. Wallbran, president of the Natural History Society, appeared in the local press a few days ago, in which was emphasized the necessity of amending the law for the protection of the birds by eliminating the exemption of children (who are the only bird's nesters) and the half dozen varieties of birds whose nests are now legitimate spoil insofar as the law is concerned. Captain Wallbran in his argument relates an incident wherein excessive cruelty was shown recently by two boys in taking the eggs from a nest and throwing them upon the ground, while the parent birds fluttered about uttering plaintive cries. A far worse case than this has been presented in the Victoria West district just beyond the city limits, a boy who attends the Lampton street school having been caught in the act of killing young birds in the act of burning their throats with lighted matches. Such an act of excessive cruelty indicates something radically wrong with the perpetrator. He has in him the mak-

Robbed the Sluice-boxes:

Billy Lane, for several years a resident of this city, and now generally known throughout the Yukon country as "Billy the Horse," is in jail at Gold Bottom, charged with having robbed the sluice-boxes on claim No. 3 on Last Chance. He has had a preliminary examination before Magistrate Routledge and has been committed for trial. Lane had been employed in stripping some ground on an adjacent claim, and suspicion pointed to him. On the claim robbed there is a considerable amount of clay known as gumbo—a clay that sticketh closer than a brother and which for general adhesiveness would make glue look like brook water. To rob the sluice-boxes, a man was forced to go through this, and he might just as well have travelled over wax—for the gumbo carried perfect casts of the footprints. The police had no difficulty in cutting out a footprint, and fitting it to one of Lane's shoes it was found to belong there. Collins, the manager of the despoiled claim, cannot say with any certainty how much has been taken. It is thought, however, to be upwards of \$5,000.

Enderby's Sleeping Partner:

"A cow resting on the roadside near Enderby frightened every horse being driven from Armstrong by returning celebrators"—Elenograph.

The Fit Return Store:

is nothing if not up-to-date. Mr. Allan, the proprietor, informs us that they are about to enlarge their premises by an addition of 40 feet to the rear and a new modern front besides a general remodelling of the interior. Tenders for this work are being called for and are to be left at the office of Mr. Maxwell Muir on or before Wednesday next, the 20th inst.

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Trade Conditions Favorable:

Word has been received from Mr. Geo. L. Courtney, traffic manager of the E. & N. railway, who went to Mexico some weeks ago to investigate the subject of trade opportunities between that country and this, indicating that he will be home before the end of the present month, with a full report of his observations. Mr. Courtney has been all over the provinces of Mexico and has also interviewed President Diaz, to whom he bore letters of introduction from the Provincial Government and prominent business men. He expresses himself as very favorably impressed with the opportunities for opening up reciprocally profitable international trade at the present time, and it is therefore a foregone conclusion that the E. & N. company will be found among the applicants for the subsidy provided by the Dominion to assist the establishment of a Canada-Mexico line of steamers making monthly voyages at the outset.

The New Ways:

It will be some months before the new marine railway under construction by the Victoria Machinery Dept. will be ready for business. These ways when finished will be the largest in British Columbia, able to take a ship of three thousand tons. This looks like business and doubtless the fact that there is home competition will enlarge the business of the port in the repair line. The fact that work is being taken from American cities shows that we are able to compete with the world in ship-building and repairs.

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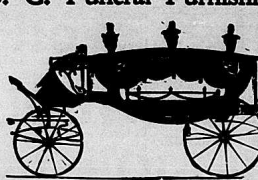
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Total Eclipse:

Just one week ago the Yukon Sun, Dawson's morning paper under the management of Mr. W. F. Thompson, ceased to shine. It had been lying, during for some time past, during which it fought the battles of that section of the northern Liberals antagonistic to the Congdon regime. Mr. Thompson now transfers his services to the Daily News, by which the Sun will be continued as a morning edition. Many British Columbians will heartily sympathize with him in his business misfortunes. He is a journalistic prospector. To him belonged the honor of establishing the first papers at Gray's Harbor, Trail and Victoria. To him the advent of stage coaches, steamboats or railways appears ever to be the signal to move deeper into the wilderness.

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TRADUCERS OF THE PROVINCE.

The travelling correspondent of a leading Toronto daily was in Victoria last Sunday and Monday. He said that his chief told him, when he left Toronto, that he might go west of Calgary, if he wanted a pleasure trip, but that he would find nothing of interest in British Columbia. The correspondent said that he had heard many complaints since he came to the Coast of hard times, especially in Vancouver, where the business men, the bankers, and the men on the street all told the same tale. He said also that no one in the East had any confidence in this province because, among other things, of the corruption which prevails in government circles. "Progress" endeavored to set the correspondent right, and will watch his letter with interest to see with what success. But this is not all that must be said upon this subject.

"It is a dirty bird that fouls its own nest," and there are a good many "dirty birds" in British Columbia, judging by this test. We have too many people, who like to pose as superior persons, people who profess to have knowledge of business in parts of the country are in a melancholy condition, and that the government is simply an organized band of robbers. Let us deal with the last proposition first.

"Progress" is not particularly in love with the provincial government. This paper did not exist during the Dunsmuir, Martin, Semlin and Turner regimes, and therefore can only speak of them historically. Its conviction, based upon a pretty fair knowledge of what went on, is that neither of these administrations fully appreciated the requirements of the province, or if any of them did, it lacked the courage to adopt a progressive line of policy. "Progress" has no brief to defend any government or any set of politicians. It is absolutely free to call a spade a spade, and it thinks it knows a spade when it sees one. In saying, therefore, that in its humble judgment there has been little or no prostitution of office in British Columbia for private advantage, and that the resources of the country have not been squandered to enrich those charred with administering them, it expresses its honest conviction and challenges proof to the contrary. It will admit that more than one case can be cited to establish the proposition that ministers have placed the tenure of office above the public welfare, and have therefore simply "marked time," when every honest man would demand that they should be more steadily and strongly worked. But this is not corruption. It admits that the costly and primitive system of administering affairs has been enlarged instead of being reformed; but this is not corruption, although it may establish a case of incompetency. It is prepared to demonstrate that the public expenditures have not been carefully scrutinized, and that too much altogether has been paid for service rendered the province; but this is not corruption; it is only an illustration of the happy-go-lucky way in which things are managed in this part of the country. Of the abuse of office for personal advantage the instances have been few, although the opportunities have been many. Of personal aggrandizement at the public expense there has been little or none. Almost all of our public men have disappointed us, but let us at least do the justice to say, as we can fairly and honestly, and that take them one by another, they have not and have been as free from corrupt acts as any other public men in Canada.

As to the condition of business, doubtless it might be better; but every man who wants work is employed, wages are good, new buildings are going up in every direction, business establishments are being enlarged, new people are coming into the province, new lines of industry are being established, no one seems to be falling in business, and the sales are so rare as to be almost unheard of, of the records do not show that people are mortgaging their property to any unusual extent and prices of real estate are stiffening. The prospects

of business in the near future are excellent. Seeing that these things are so, what is the use in circulating jeremiads about the country? Let us remember that the world takes us at the value we put upon ourselves, and that if we superciliously say that our public men are dishonest and our business men insecure, no argument is necessary to convince the world that we are telling the truth. But these things are false as applied to British Columbia, and the world ought to be told so.

Lord Dundonald has thought it necessary to warn Canadians against insidious attempts to weaken the tie between this country and the mother land. Lord Dundonald is treading very close to the line which divides dignity from impudence. Canadians do not need to be read lessons on the subject of loyalty. They have proved their attachment to British institutions and the British flag on too many occasions. Those who are familiar with Canadian history will remember that when responsible government was proposed there were many shakings of heads over the prospect of the immediate separation of British North America from the Empire. When the National Policy was introduced, Lord Lorne was so certain that it meant the entering of the wedge of disintegration, that he asked for instructions from the Home Government as to whether he should assent to the measure. There were men who boldly said in Parliament that this would be the effect of a protective tariff, which called forth Sir Charles Tupper's famous reply: "If it is bad for British connection, then so much the worse for British connection." Sir Charles was not disloyal in this; he was only emphasizing his belief that British connection was made of sterner stuff than his timid critics imagined. So now with Lord Dundonald. Doubtless he is serious; although the value of his remarks would be greater if it did not come on the heels of his dismissal for insubordination. But under any circumstances, he completely misconceives the nature of the connection, whose possible weakening he deplors. The one sure way in which to smash the Empire into pieces is to impose upon it a system of militarism.

Not very long ago the news of the death of Paul Kruger would have created a profound sensation, and before the event happened the wires would have carried hourly bulletins of his condition. He has passed away, and not even a ripple has appeared on the surface of current history. Kruger outlived himself. With the passing of the Transvaal's independence, the sturdy president's career closed. It will not be difficult to do justice to Kruger. He was a patriot according to his lights, a man of singleness of purpose and rare determination. That he was ambitious will not be disputed, and that his ambition cost his country its independence, events have demonstrated. His dream of a South African republic, in which the Boer element would be supreme, was one of keeping with the age in which he lived.

"Progress" has been asked to use its influence to have the occupants of certain houses compelled to remove to a part of the city where their presence will be less offensively conspicuous and their example less hurtful. The subject is one that no paper cares to discuss unnecessarily, and "Progress" therefore contents itself for the present with saying that it will gladly go into particulars with the municipal authorities if they so desire and will tell them how a similar evil was promptly remedied in another Canadian city. If the municipal authorities so desire all ground for the complaint above referred to can be removed.

Of the two presidential candidates in the United States who are seriously to be considered, it may be said that both are safe men. Judged by their personal records, Parker, the Democratic nominee, seems the abler and more substantial, although no one will deny that Roosevelt is a man of great talent, courage and honesty. A political system which brings to the front in a popular campaign two such men, needs no apology. If the people of the United States have determined to change their administration, they are exceedingly fortunate in having so good a man as Parker to replace so good a man as Roosevelt.

Indications multiply that the Conservative party proposes to make the next federal campaign bitterly per-

sonal. This will be a serious mistake. It will be a bad thing for the party, although a party which will resort to such a thing deserves defeat; but it will be a far worse thing for the country. It is to be hoped that better counsels will prevail and that the next fight will be a clean one on questions of policy. Ever since the tactics of the Conservative party have been dictated in the Montreal Star office, the tone of its campaign work has been lowered.

The Grand Trunk Pacific legislation has gone through and no time limit for beginning has been fixed. It ought to be understood that this remark is of general application and does not refer to the construction in British Columbia exclusively. The whole question of the time of beginning anywhere is left open for the present; only the time of completion is fixed. This being within eight years it follows that the time of commencement cannot be long deferred. The real question in which the province is most keenly interested is whether the construction of the western division shall be carried on from the East to the Coast, and it is not very easy to see how the government could make any stipulation on that point. The method of construction is something which Parliament cannot undertake to regulate. If it will be cheaper to build most of the line from the East, it will be in the interest of the country as a whole, seeing that it guarantees a certain percentage of the cost, that the line should be built from the East. Very naturally the government would not seek to impose conditions upon the company which would have the effect of increasing the cost of the line. If it is not cheaper to build from the East, then we may feel very sure that the company will do at least a part of its work from the West. By such arguments as these the government can very well justify its action in omitting any stipulation as to the date of beginning work in British Columbia or as to simultaneous construction. But there are local considerations, some of which will be presented in a future issue, which have not yet been fully discussed and which it is timely to deal with.

The Auditor-General of Canada wants to be superannuated. He says that if the government will not introduce such a measure as he thinks ought to be passed, he will not remain in office. Mr. McDougall is an excellent officer, but he is only an officer. He is not the government of the country. He is not responsible for the duties of the law as he finds it on the statute book. Like many men in office, years of experience have made him somewhat set in his ways. Ministers come and go, but he stays on, and he would like to be more of a law unto himself than the government thinks is quite consistent with its responsibility. The existing system has worked well for a quarter of a century at least, and the need of an immediate change has not been shown.

The refusal of the City Council to pay the \$15,000 falling due on June 30th under the Terminal By-law was not unexpected, but it is not just what people, having regard to the good name of the city, would have liked to see done. This is not intended as a suggestion that the Council did wrong. This is a point upon which "Progress" will not speak until it has further considered the question. But it does not look right to have the bald statement go out that the city has repudiated an obligation. If the refusal can be justified, it is to be hoped that a full statement of the law and the facts will be forthwith laid before the public.

The Rossland World, one of the most thoughtful and interesting semi-socialistic labor newspapers of Canada, has suspended owing to lack of support. As conducted by Mr. Dier it was a well-edited journal deserving much more of the people than it received. Coincident with the death of the World, the Independent—Vancouver's labor newspaper—has been born again. And thus they come and go.

A striking illustration of the manner in which public matters are ner in this province is afforded by the fact that the Department of Fisheries has permitted fish traps to be in operation in Boundary Bay ever since 1894, and yet we fought out the fight for traps on Vancouver Island without a word being said about it.

The wheels of justice seem to be again revolving. Apropos of nothing in particular, a Toronto story may be told which deserves defeat; but it was sentenced a man for sealing railroad ties. "My friend," he said, "if you are attracted to railways, you should steal a whole system. It's a crime to steal ties."

Spokane is advertising in all the papers of the Northwest that it has secured the Fifth Regiment band of Victoria—"one of the crack military bands of Canada"—as its great fair attraction in October. Incidentally Spokane thus spends hundreds of dollars in advertising Victoria.

The purchase by the city of the land at the Gorge is a very praiseworthy act, but something more is needed. The Victoria Gardens ought to be bought, the saloon should be closed and the ground should be beautified.

THE WORD FOREIGNER AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

To the Editor: The recent discussion on the word "foreigner" brings to mind some of its applications. No doubt the Premier at a late discussion must, as he immediately qualified his remark by the word "stranger," have applied it to those who had not been closely associated with matters in the colonies, more particularly in this case, military affairs. This reminds me of an incident that transpired while I was a member of the Local Legislature in this province. At one time the late Hon. Theodore Davie made the statement, while discussing matters pertaining to the province, that the Eastern Canadians, meaning all east of the British Columbia boundary line, were nothing more nor less than foreigners. I remember well that he was several times reminded of this statement, but no retraction of the word was ever made, nor did those opposed to him carry his remarks on the subject into the elections which followed afterwards. The opposition of the day were of a forgiving disposition, as the statement could not under the circumstances be excused, as the word "foreigner" was applied to all Canadians who were an integral part of the one great Dominion.

Certainly the term may in a sense be applied to countries whose distance makes them strangers to the laws and customs of this country but for a Canadian to apply the term "foreigner" to his own countrymen because they did not live in the same province is more than we at the present day are willing to accept. However, it is charitable to those who have lived in the past, if the term then applied, was in a sense applicable on account of the customs and opinions to those who had immigrated from the eastern provinces. Nor did those who had lived in this province for many years look upon the Eastern Canadian as one who would readily assimilate to the western ideas and customs that "had been." To be charitable then, the word "foreigner" was not to the good sense of the people kept up against the Premier of that day, the Hon. Theodore Davie, but was allowed to pass over, every one believing that although an explanation was not made the full sense of the word was not intended as an insult to those who were members of the same colony.

A change has come in these later days over the spirit of the politicians. The full meaning of the word must be taken and not only used in the House of Parliament, but reported in the press and most likely will be carried into the coming campaign as a cry against the Premier of the Dominion.

AN EX-M.P.P.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The manager of the Seamen's Institute thankfully acknowledges the receipt of a reading matter, during the month of June, from the following: Miss McCandlish, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. R. Mavnard, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. P. K. Johnson, Mrs. A. H. Shearer, Mrs. I. Braverman, Mrs. J. Lovel Smith, Mrs. J. A. Van Tassel, The Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Department of Agriculture, the Navy League (B.C. Branch), Mr. J. C. Townsley, Mr. H. Burnett, Mr. E. J. Mackay, Mr. David A. N. Ogilvy, Mr. W. H. Leacock, The Times and Colonialist; the local weekly paper "Progress," and Miss Marie E. Bayly. Literature was supplied by the institute to the master and crew of the sealing schooner "Allie Algar."

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The Week in Society

Society has found in the Gengeheth wedding, to be solemnized by the Rev. A. Archdeacon Scriven this evening in Christ church cathedral, its most interesting and most interesting of small talk during the present week. For not only by reason of the prominence in a large and fashionable circle of friends, of the principals in the matrimonial event, and their personal popularity, but because the wedding promises to introduce to Victorians several pretty innovations, it is a welcome oasis in a stretching desert of social sameness. It is, for example, something new in Victoria society to mark the engagement announcement by the presentation to the prospective bride, more particularly by her girlhood friends) of pretty engagement cups, which on the wedding day are given in place of honor among the marriage gifts. Miss Rithet's collection of very pretty engagement cups has already been viewed and admired by a fortunate few of her more intimate friends. It includes souvenirs of remembrance from Mrs. J. L. B. Gunn of San Francisco; Mr. Harry T. Scott, of San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wood, of San Francisco; Miss May Dunsmuir, Mrs. Bromley; Mr. J. A. Rithet; Mrs. Hanford, San Francisco; Mr. Ward Gunn, San Francisco; Mrs. Leavenworth, San Francisco; Mrs. Stevenson, San Francisco; Mrs. R. P. Rithet; Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, San Francisco; Mrs. Van Wyck; and Mrs. J. Clarke, San Francisco; besides which other engagement gifts include pretty toilet sets from Mrs. C. A. Brown, art sofa cushions from Mrs. M. Mrs. Keith and Miss Veldman; a pearl pendant from Miss Marie Wason; a silver tea strainer from Mrs. Woods, San Francisco; and a set of tea spoons from Capt. and Mrs. Davidson. The cathedral is being very prettily decorated to-day for the event of the evening, the bridesmaids having undertaken supervision of this feature of the wedding preparations. The hour set for the ceremony of course may be taken as indicative that evening will prevail; and it is wished among those who pretend to know, that that of the bride will be repeated de chene covered with old fashioned lace, court train, veil, and a shower of roses. Miss Dunsmuir is to be maid of honor, and Miss Roberts of Seattle, the bridesmaids. Three attendants upon the bride are wearing—departing from the stereotyped white of wedding companions of Nile green, the costumes being in the fashion of yesteryear, with fichus of white chiffon lined with Maltese lace, and small bouquets. In the place of the traditional bouquets, the maid of honor carries three large pink American Beauties; and the bridesmaids, long-stemmed white roses. Mrs. J. A. Rithet is to be best man, and the ushers Mr. Edwison, of San Francisco and Professor Roberts of Seattle, who—again an innovation insofar as British Columbia's smart set is concerned—escort the bridesmaids to the altar. Mr. Lawrence A. Genge, the prospective groom, is a son of Mr. James C. Genge, of Surrey, and has been for some years a member of the staff of the Royal Naval Dockyard at Esquimalt, being many friends in the Victoria Victoria society. Miss Gertie Alice Rithet, the bride-to-be, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rithet of "Hollybank," this. Although she has spent much of her young life in California, she claimed Victoria almost equally as her home, and is extremely popular throughout this province. "Prospective" will next we present to its readers a full account of the wedding, which promises to be one of exceptional social brilliance, as well as such personal interest to very many friends.

ive service, which was fully choral. Mr. George Pauline, cathedral organist, presided at the organ, his selections from Wagner's "Lohegrin," as well as his tastefully subdued musical accompaniment to the wedding service proper greatly enhancing the beauty of the ceremony. The choir's effective singing of Barnby's anthem "Oh Perfect Love" and also of Stainer's "Amen," together with faultless and carefully subordinated accompaniments throughout, were subjects of general appreciation. The bridal party left the cathedral to the joyous harmonies of Mendelssohn's immortal wedding march, and the merry pealing of the chimes. The bride, gowned in white silk, trimmed with old lace, carried a shower bouquet of LaFrance roses, and was given away by Mr. B. G. Goward; while Mr. R. B. Powell attended his friend the bridegroom. The church ceremony was followed by a reception from 3:30 to 6 at "Rockwood," the home of Mr. Henry Goward, father of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Goward received the congratulations of their friends in the drawing room, which had been artistically adorned in roses and ferns, the effect being exceedingly light and dainty. The dining room, where the guests were permitted a glimpse of the many beautiful souvenirs of her wedding day received by the happy bride, was decorated in sweet peas of pink and white, while the same fragrant and favorite flower was much in evidence in the breakfast room, where refreshments were served. Among the invited guests were Rev. and Mrs. Baugh Allan, Mrs. and Miss Elliott, Mrs. James and Miss Angus, Mrs. James and Miss Angus, Mrs. Buntzen, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Crow Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mayor and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Beaven, Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, Mr. and the Misses Bais, Mrs. and the Misses Beale, Captain Burroughes, Mr. and Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. and Miss Newton, Lieut. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Combe, Mr. Colley, Mr. Cornwall, Captain Clarke, the Misses Carr, the Misses Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Church, Mr. and Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, Mr. Flumerfelt, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and the Misses Galletly, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. Gitchell, Col. F. B. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Gore, the Misses Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses Gowen, Mr. Glover, Mr. Genge, Mr. H. Maurice Hills, Mr. and the Misses Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Helmecken, Miss Holmes, Mrs. and the Misses Hardie, Mrs. Hansell, Mrs. Junion, Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Johnston, Miss J. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob, Mr. George Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent, Mrs. and Miss Keefer, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Kitto, Mr. and Mrs. Lineham, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Lamb, Mrs. and the Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Lampman, Mr. and Mrs. Laundry, Mr. and Miss Lawson, Mr. Carl Loewenberger, Mrs. and Miss Langley, Mr. Hugh Little, Mr. and Mrs. Loveland, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Mr. Alexis and Mrs. and Mrs. Miss Mara, Mr. and Mrs. Meiss, Miss McKeand, Mr. and Mrs. McKilligan, Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. and the Misses McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Maclure, Dr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Newton, Miss Bayne, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Powell, Mr. and Miss Perkins, Col. and Mrs. Prior, Mr. and Mrs. Poff, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses Pitts, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, Dr. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robertson, Miss Nairn, Miss Thorburn, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, Mrs. Rodgers, Mr. David Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Raymur, Mr. and the Misses Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Rattenbury, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Rithet, Mr. Sperling, Mr. and Mrs. Swanson, Mr. Welby Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Soratt, Messrs. Kenneth and E. O. S. Scholefield, Mr. and Mrs. Simon, Mr. and Mrs. Schwengers, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Archdeacon Scriven, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Tripp, Mr. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Topp, Mr. and Mrs. Toller, Miss Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Virtue, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wollaston, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Wootton, Mr. S.

Y Wootton, Mr. and Mrs. Worlock, Mr. and Mrs. Watkis. The collection Mr. Ray Worlock, Miss Walker, Miss Williams, the Misses Williams, and of wedding gifts was a particularly handsome and well chosen one and included numerous presents from relatives and friends in Bristol, England, and other places beyond the sea. Mr. and Mrs. Goward are spending their honeymoon at Sharnigan and Cowichan Lakes, and upon their return will take up their residence at the pretty home Mr. Goward has recently built for his bride on Oak Bay avenue.

One of the pretty home weddings of midsummer was that celebrated on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman, 66 John street, wherein the principals were their daughter, Miss Hannah Collins Freeman, and Mr. Henry Oliver Kirkham. Rev. J. F. Viehert assisted Rev. J. P. Westman in the solemnization of the marriage, the bridal party standing beneath a fragrant bell of roses in the drawing room, which also had been very effectively decorated with the treasures of the flower garden and the hothouse. The bride was gowned in white mousseline de soie, trimmed with Brussels lace and Duchesse ribbons, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms; her bouquet was a shower of white carnations, the gift of the groom; Miss Margaret Freeman, a sister, supporting the bride, gowned in white organdie with Valenciennes lace, and carrying pink instead of white carnations. The groomsmen was Mr. Daniel F. Sprinkling, while the bride was given away by her father, Miss Johnson playing the wedding music. The groom's souvenir gift to the bride was a handsome bracelet set with turquoise, while among the presents to the bride might be mentioned: From Mr. and Mrs. D. Hart, berry dish; Mr. Hazleton, cheese dish; Mrs. Copeland, fruit dish; Mr. J. Galbraith, cut glass tea and berry set; the Misses Freeman, tea set; Miss Laura M. Clarke, cream and sugar set; Mr. D. F. Sprinkling, berry and salad set; Miss Jennie and Miss Nellie Freeman, water set; Mr. A. B. Pollock, lemonade set; Master J. Jones, cake platter; Mr. M. Davison, breakfast set; Mr. Kirkham, check; Mr. and Mrs. J. Allan, check; Mr. Harrie Ross, silver tea spoons; Mrs. and the Misses McMillivan, napery; Mr. Will Russell, silver tea spoons; Miss Etta Bull, silver ladle; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Freeman, berry spoon; Mr. R. J. Herbert, silver ladle; Mr. R. J. Prothro, silver cake dish; Mr. R. J. Levi, clock; Mr. and Miss Galbraith, silver cake dish; Mr. H. Sansome, silver serviette rings; Mr. D. LeRoy Getchell, silver fruit fork; Mr. and Mrs. McNeill, silver sugar shell and butter knife; Mrs. J. F. Viehert, silver pie fork; Miss Nellie Johnson, silver butter knife; Mr. and Mrs. B. McNeill, silver butter dish; Mr. and Mrs. Steinberg, silver pickle dish; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Frost, silver card receiver; Miss Ethel Bull, silver tea shell; Mr. and Mrs. Dand, silver tea spoons; Mr. H. Northcott, silver salt and pepper dusters, knives and forks; Mr. Hector Freeman, silver egg set; Mr. Freeman, toilet set; Miss Lucy Fingland, sofa cushion; Miss Johnson, sofa cushion; employees Dixie H. Ross & Co., upholstered arm chair. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham have taken up their residence at 256 Johnson street.

Says the Nelson Daily News: "The arrival here of Miss Maud Bryant, of Port Huron, Ont., after a 2500-mile trip across the continent to meet her future husband has resulted in the publishing of as pretty a marriage story as the public has read. She is now Mrs. George L. Baebcher, Mr. L. Baebcher, formerly of Sarnia, is one of those young men, his companions being from other parts of the country, who came to British Columbia several years ago, and have now become highly prosperous. All of the three men had sweethearts, and, as a remarkable coincidence, they were all three school teachers in Ontario. The wooing was necessarily at long range, and in due time the young men's proposals were favorably received. The happy culmination was a triple wedding."

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The Brandon, Man., Sun of July 2nd has the following: "Kirkside," the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown Lorne avenue, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Thursday, when Miss Kathleen Boyd of Vancouver, daughter of the late Rev. John Boyd of Harcourt, New Brunswick, and Mrs. Boyd of 753 Howe street, Vancouver, B.C., was married to Mr. Hugh Stewart Galbraith of Winnipeg, formerly of Toronto. The parlors were lovely money was performed of plants and decorations of wild roses. The bride was beautifully crowned in a creation of crepe de chene over white satin, with bridal veil and orange blossoms. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. W. Galbraith of Toronto. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Dickie, pastor of St. Paul's church, in the presence of only a few friends. After the marriage those present partook of a family luncheon after which Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith left amid a shower of flowers, on the afternoon trans-continental for their home in Winnipeg." Mrs. Galbraith is a niece of Mrs. W. D. Mackintosh, 9 Quebec street, this city.

Says the Toronto Globe just to hand: "The marriage of Miss Maude Beatrice Carr, daughter of Mr. George Carr, Czar street, to Rev. Francis Albert Magee of the British Columbia Conference, and pastor of the Methodist church, Duncan, and formerly of Dominion Creek, Yukon, took place at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday evening. The house was fragrant with masses of roses and peonies, and Rev. J. A. Rankin was the officiating minister. The wedding music was played by Miss Bradley, Miss Strachan singing two solos delightfully. The bride wore a lovely gown of cream crepe de soie, and carried some beautiful roses. Mr. J. P. Carr was groomsmen, and Alice M. Carr the bridesmaid."

Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Maude, the Misses Gaudin, Miss C. Powell, Miss Macdonald, Miss Hanington and Miss Davie were among the guests at the recent successful Calico Ball given at the Pavilion, English Bay, Vancouver. The decorations for this charming seaside dance (which was for the funds of the Children's Aid were in exceptional good taste, while a feature of the smart affair was the musical lanterns, the singing of popular songs being led by a young people's set of thirty-two. Miss Mason, Miss Powell, Miss Hanington and the Misses Gaudin were also guests at Mrs. C. M. Marpole's dance last week.

Messrs. D. M. Paterson, W. E. Dietrich, W. H. Cullin, W. E. Clarke, and C. H. Tite have built new cottages at Shawnigan Lake this summer and are now occupying or will shortly occupy them. Mr. John Parker and family are at the lower end of the lake, near Mr. Lindsay's camp; while Mr. A. Brenthley is occupying Mr. Wyld's cottage at Gillesville.

Lady Marjorie Gordon, only daughter of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, was married in London last Tuesday afternoon to Mr. John Sinclair, M.P., Scottish Liberal whip in the House of Commons and formerly a captain in the Royal Irish Lancers. The Archbishop of Canterbury officiated.

Mrs. A. B. and Miss Edythe Chaffee of Montreal have left for Banff, after a pleasant stay of a week on the Island. They are accompanied on their summer tour by Mr. J. A. Wright, Mrs. Chaffee's brother-in-law.

Mrs. Seabrook and a party of young people go into camp at Sooke Lake today. The following are the favored ones: E. Loewen, Ada Seabrook, Nora Lugin, Norman Seabrook, Harold Eberts, Mr. and Miss Hanington.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Newton entertained the children of the B. C. Orange last week, at a picnic on the grounds surrounding their residence at Oak Bay. Need it be said that the treat was very greatly enjoyed by the little folk?

The marriage of Mr. George A. Morrison of Seattle and Miss Annie Brown was celebrated last Saturday by Rev. G. K. B. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are spending their honeymoon here and at the Strathcona, Shawnigan Lake.

Mr. Cy Warman of London, noted for his magazine stories and poems of western life, is visiting British Columbia in search of material and "atmosphere."

The marriage of Mr. Howell and Miss Roberta Nason will be quietly celebrated here this morning. The happy bride and groom will spend the honeymoon at Mrs. O. C. Bass' cottage at Shawnigan lake.

Mr. Courtney Bennett, C.I.E., H. M.'s Consul-General at San Francisco, with Mrs. and Miss Bennett and Mr. D. J. Macpherson of San Francisco, are here for a ten days' holiday.

Mr. D. W. Higgins is in Toronto, where he expects to be detained until about the end of the month, in connection with the business of bringing out his new book of western reminiscences.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kent on Wednesday celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of their wedding with a family picnic at Oak Bay.

The ladies of the Vancouver Yacht Club entertained the visiting yachtsmen at the club regatta last Saturday, at a delightfully informal At Home.

Mrs. J. McB. Smith and her son are guests of the former's brother, Mr. Edwin Bowden, at his summer residence, Cold Spring Cottage, Lake Washington.

Mrs. Bolton of this city was among the guests at a delightful garden party last week, given by the Misses Clute of New Westminster in honor of a visiting cousin from California.

Mrs. T. M. Henderson spent the past week in Vancouver, the guest of Mrs. G. W. Kennedy of Georgia street.

Miss Macdonald of this city has been enjoying a short visit with Mrs. Stimson, Vancouver.

Miss McKenny leaves next week for a fortnight's visit to her sister, Mrs. W. E. Bull of Vancouver.

The engagement is announced of Mr. L. C. Newlands of the Victoria Terminal Railway and Miss Wine-wood Fraser.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. Sydney Child and Miss Constance Faewett, upon the announcement of their engagement in marriage.

Miss L. M. Powell of the Jubilee hospital staff is visiting with Mrs. R. Whitney, Mount Pleasant, Vancouver.

Miss Millie Philips of Mt. Pleasant, Vancouver, is visiting Victoria friends.

Mrs. Robert Marriion and Miss Marriion of the Terminal City are here to spend the summer.

Miss Ida Luders of Alameda, Cal., is paying an extended visit to Mrs. Otto Weiler, Beacon Hill.

Miss H. Gonnason is spending a few weeks with friends on the Mainland.

Hon. R. F. Green has returned from an extended trip through the Kootenays.

Mrs. J. Anderson and the Misses Anderson left on Wednesday on a three months' visit to Scotland.

Mlle. Kern and Mlle. Aimee Kern of Vancouver are spending a ten days' vacation in the Capital.

Miss Winnie Bickell is spending a month's holiday with friends in Vancouver.

Mrs. T. H. Huntly entertained at her home in Seattle last week in honor of her mother, Mrs. Spray, and her sister, Mrs. E. Cain of this city.

Mr. W. G. Scott, treasurer of the city of Winnipeg, has left again for home, after a pleasant holiday in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDermott have returned from a six months' trip to Europe.

Mrs. M. H. Watkins gave a small but smart tea on Friday in honor of Mrs. W. J. Fox of Astoria, there being about thirty present.

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The Misses Edith and Jean Wilkinson of Yates street went to Vancouver yesterday evening, to spend the holidays with friends.

The closing exercises at the Collegiate School are set for the 21st, when there will be an interesting programme of athletics.

The engagement is announced of Miss M. Ida Gracey, eldest daughter of Rev. H. Gracey of Gananoque, and Mr. Alex. Grant Lowe of Vancouver.

Lord and Lady Bothwick have left for the East.

Miss Alma Russell has returned from a holiday visit to Vancouver.

Mr. J. A. Humbird of St. Paul, with Miss Humbird and Miss Burr of that city, spent several days this week renewing Victoria friendships.

Mr. Thomas Ellis of Pentiction is spending a few days with his old friends here.

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Lord Monk Bretton, private secretary to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, former Colonial Secretary and the most conspicuous figure in Imperial politics, who has been visiting Victoria recently in the course of his world-girdling tour, acts as Mr. Chamberlain's personal representative on his long trip, in feeling the pulse of the colonies with respect to Mr. Chamberlain's revolutionary fiscal proposals. Lord Monk Bretton does not feel himself at liberty to fully discuss the observations he has made, but indicates that he has found the colonies immensely favorable to Mr. Chamberlain and his proposals.

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McCune and Grant have the honor of furnishing the feature act in this k's bill at the Grand, the team consisting of Frank McCune and May and the latter member of the act being the weaker vessel—as is correct, she being Mrs. McCune in her gets her make-up of. Mrs. does an expert acrobatic turn, serving of them in fact, for his horizontal swings and somersaults are amazing good. The lady end of the act "assists," and fills in breath-time for her partner with some scab soubrette songs. Of course and Mrs. Tegge (for the Grand agreement have the fashion of sifying their people somewhat "professionally) are welcomed with acclamation. They are clever and so doing, but the "Ger-Sweatherts" are sadly lacking in serial for them to round out and plete their sketch work effective.

It looks very much as though were groping in all directions for igh new matter to make the skit its length without making over dialogue and business of "Dit- But for all that, and the lug-in by the ears of one or two y chestnuts such as the "cou-p the shirt and flagged the train" they are popular and taking. It is Mrs. Tegge's magnetic smile does it. Leonard's comedy ler hasn't much that is apart the stereotyped juggling act, but areal performance and method rally is original. Will King in ew monologue does his best with y one of Sam Bernard's y, and isn't Bernard by several he does appropriate both the hky make-up and name. The rd family trio are acceptable in ieature comedy-musical act, and Roberts plays with his illus- y song, "The Fatal Rose of which is one of the few illus- sions having no cemetery pic- the broken heart not being a et for the undertaker's kind at- The pictures which close ow are very interesting. Among week's entertainers at this po- huse are mentioned Charles er, a notable eccentric comm- Marie Stoddard, also in a solo y act; "Sunny Jim's family," euced as "comedy singers and users of Force"; Felice Alex- ander, comic and song and soubrette; and B. F. and Grege t, making up the firm of Forbe- s. In a neat one-act burletta in- cing the latest song hits fresh New York.

assured by the length of its Met- tan run, "The County Chair- " which Macklyn Aruckle is to Victorians this autumn, is the est success of the 1903-4 season, g passed its 200th performance ay 1st. As a play it is loosely ructed, abounding in technical nesses, but there is substance s satire, brilliant humor in its ably written lines, and so sure delicious sense of recreation that people in it are forgotten that the only dull thing about the y is its plot, which is just s important as the cords upon eling the summer vines. "The y Chairman," says Every- s Magazine, "has that sharply id merit which characterized omedies of the late Charles H- keen and sure satire that hits k, and it is rich in the humor- bly made George Ade's reputa- It portrays with fidelity the d politics of a small town. Acting has much to do with the m given "The County Chair- It is well high perfect even e smallest parts."

Thursday of this week Vancou- were treated to a really good e of comic opera as interpreted ateurs who are very close to sionals in quality. Unhappily it a well worn vehicle that was to carry the ambition of the s—Gilbert & Sullivan's ene being revived for a very s interpretation. The perform- ated at the old house, in aid rity, and the following was the e opera being staged under e supervision of Mrs. W. F. Brou- ch under the baton of Mr. P. yke, upwards of sixty voices in the chorus:

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Lieut., the Duke of Dunstable . . .
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Reginald Bunthorne . . . John Boyd
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Patience . Hon. Mrs. Cecil Edwardes
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Lady Angela . . . Mrs. Buntzen
Lady Saphir . . . Mrs. M. Macina
Lady Ella . Miss Queenie Maitland
Lady Jane . Mrs. W. F. Brougham

As satisfying a one-hour entertain- ment as has yet been put on at any playhouse in the west, is that which the Crystal has been giving during the present week. It has variety to suit all tastes. There is music, com- edy, athletics, and the motion album. McEwen and Sandy furnish a clever act which is closed with illus- trations of the various famous knock- out blows used by pugilists, McKee- ver being well qualified to testify, having fought over 300 battles and for years held middleweight cham- pionship honors in Old England. Miss Annie Goldie does some very fair singing and character delineation; the great Stanfield, a Canadian artist by the way, furnishes a number of amazingly well studied impersona- tions; and Walter Kellogg sings his illustrated song "Just Set a Light," with much taste and sympathy. The Sleeping Beauty is the hit of the motion pictures.

William Collier is said to have made his best and most rational suc- cess in "The Dictator," which with the assistance of Nanette Comstock, he is shortly to give in Victoria. The comedy is by Richard Harding Davis, the first play that writer has pro- duced first hand. It is a brisk, inconse- quential, clever and howlingly funny farce that turns upon the burlesque government of a Central American republic. In addition to Mr. Collier and Miss Comstock, Mr. Edward S. Ables (who plays the valet) and Miss Louise Allen, are the principal people of the cast.

While "Raffles" is hardly melo- drama, it is highly melodramatic, and in it Kyrie Bellew with the assistance of E. M. Holland, has made a good and substantial hit. The gen- tleman burglar pitted against the gen- tleman detective, make as Every- body's Magazine puts it) a clever combination, and the dramatization of the Hornung stories of the amateur cracksman provides an interesting and fascinating entertainment, clever acting bridging the weak places.

When Maxine Efflott comes here next winter it will be in the play that Clyde Fitch wrote for her, "Her Own Way," a comedy that fits the beautiful star like unto a glove, and which shows her possessed of considerable force and ability as an emotional actress. Human touch and the keen, flashing dialogue, satirizing society, illuminate the play. Nor is there lacking a trivial Fitch novelty, which in this instance is a charming nursery scene.

Kirke La Shelle had to do much re- writing of a difficult sort in arranging the book version of Owen Wister's "The Virginian" for the stage. That he has done his work well is admitted by all who have seen the play as given by Dustin Farnum's company. The leader of the cast is said to fully realize the poetic possibilities of the role.

Florenz Ziegfeld, whose name will go down to posterity as that of the husband of Anna Held, is forming a partnership with Joseph Weber, late of Weber & Fields, and will establish a stock house in New York somewhat on the lines of the old reliable, Anna Held will head the home com- pany.

"Maloney's Wedding," organized and sent on the road by Fred J. Daley, and backed by Robert Down- sley of Vancouver, has disbanded at Winnipeg. Mr. Downes found the role of angel too strenuous.

Mackie's Loose Face. — "Mackie Williams came up on Thursday's boat from Vancouver and his familiar face will be seen amongst us for a few

days. Mackie is looking fine and dandy."—Cumberland Enterprise.

Intensification. — "Some intensely interesting practice games of baseball are played on the Enderby diamond. Some of the boys intensify to the boiling point and some are not sporty enough to intensify at all without wanting to fight."—Edenograph.

Perhaps if Manager Jamieson realized how many of his patrons would appreciate such a feature, he would engage a really good balladist to come here and stay awhile.

George Primrose has taken into partnership William West, Jr. They will do a vaudeville sketch, repro- ducing all the famous dances of Primrose and West.

Virginia Brissac has joined White Whittlesey's road company that will visit Victoria this season in John Drew's success, "The Second in Command."

Virtually all the people who were with him last season have been re- engaged by Dan? Sally for his forth- coming tour with "The Chief Jus- tice."

"Yours Merrily," John E. Rogers, whose clever advertising made Minnie Palmer in "My Sweathert," is leaving America to try his fortunes in London.

Charles Dalton, who visited Victoria not so very long ago as a star with "The Sign of the Cross," is to play leads for Nance O'Neill next season.

"The Girl From Kay's," direct from the Herald Square but without Sam Bernard, is to make a Coast trip.

T. Daniel Frawley has left South Africa and will play the Orient before returning to the Pacific Coast, some time next May.

William Gillette is considered the richest author-star in the world. His receipts total more than \$4,000 per week.

Isadore Rush, seen here last with "Florodora," is to return to stardom next under John C. Fisher's management.

Vancouver's amateurs have resumed preliminary preparations for a second production of "The Pirates of Penzance" early in the coming season.

Professor Emil Pfersdorf intends putting on "The Grand Duchess" with local talent this autumn.

"Sweet Kitty Bellairs" has closed its season after breaking all records. Miss Crossman re-opens in the same play next September.

Richard Mansfield denies that he will add "The Sea Wolf" to his extensive repertoire.

Robert Downing is in vaudeville with a one-act piece entitled "The Last Call."

Norman Hackett is engaged as leading juvenile for the Marlowe-Sothern company for next season.

James K. Hackett and Mary Man- nering, his wife, will tour together next season.

James J. Corbett threatens to re- turn to the stage in a play of his own manufacture.

The Realm of Music.

On Tuesday evening the Victoria Ladies' Choral Society gave their second concert in the A. O. U. W. hall before a thoroughly representa- tive and appreciative audience. Chief amongst the works presented was Smart's beautiful cantata "King Rene's Daughter" for solos and chorus. The soloists were Mrs. W. E. Green as "Iolanthe," Mrs. Harry Pooley as "Marta," and Mrs. Gideon Hicks as "Beatrice." The work was very charmingly given by both soloists and chorus. The "attack" and tonal precision of the chorus was most marked, whilst the work of the three soloists left nothing to be de- sired.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. Pooley's representation of her part, which was undertaken at less than three days' notice. Her beau- tifully sympathetic voice was heard to perfect advantage throughout, while her intelligent rendering of the music

excited the warmest admiration of everyone. Later on in the programme Mrs. Pooley accentuated her triumph by her singing of Schumann's beautiful leader "Wedmung," which was admirably given.

To Mrs. W. E. Green, perhaps, fell the lion's share of the work of the evening, as, in addition to sustaining the very "Iolanthe" part of "Iolanthe" above mentioned, that lady undertook the solo part in Parker's most florid part-song "The Fisher," and also sang a magnificent aria by Ries entitled "How Wonderful it Must Be." Mrs. Green's bright and sparkling voice and perfect method were never more clearly demonstrated, and it must be said that she added laurels to her already enviable reputation as a singer.

Mrs. Gideon Hicks aroused the ut- most enthusiasm of the audience by her singing of a very lovely song in Testa, in which (as indeed in every- thing that lady does), she revealed the true artistic temperament.

A special feature of the concert was the magnificent violin playing of Mr. Herbert Ritchie, who is staying in the city for a few days prior to his visit to Europe, where he intends to still further prosecute his studies. The society was very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Ritchie for their concert, and his playing of Max- icked by all that wonderful breadth and purity of tone and masterly execution for which he is so greatly noted.

The chorus, as a body, gave every evidence of the perfect training by their talented conductor, Mr. F. T. Watkis, and are to be congratulated on having such a fine chorus master at their head. Their singing of Bar- giel's "The Lord is My Shepherd," and Raff's "The Day is at Last De- parting," were perfect examples of what part-singing should be. In sum- ming up the work of the Victoria Ladies' Choral Society in this their first season it must be acknowledged that the educational benefits of the organization have been simply ines- timable, and it is to be sincerely hoped that the work will be long continued and abundantly flourish. To their enthusiastic and self-ab- negating secretary, Mrs. P. T. Johnston, owe the deepest debt of gratitude—her work, so unostentatiously done, has been of the very greatest value to all concerned.

The following is the list of the chorus: Miss Mills, Miss Todd, Miss Austin, Miss Arch- butt, Miss Nesbitt, Miss Howell, Miss Watkins, Mrs. Snider, Miss Stone, Miss Wootton, Miss Leverson, Miss Walls, Mrs. Meshier, Miss Fell, Mrs. Wallace, Mrs. Heyland, Miss Hey- land, Miss Spring, Miss McMicking, Miss Spence, Mrs. Clyde, Miss Croe- ker, Miss Calhoun, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Pooley, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Harris and Miss Powell accompanists.

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Last week, however, there were brought to the assay office a handful of little nuggets from one of the northern camps weighing about three ounces, which proved to be the highest grade of gold that ever has been treat- ed by the government experts in pre- cious metals. Its value proved no less than \$20.12 to the ounce, \$20.67 being rated pure gold. The fineness was shown to be 973—pure gold being of 1,000 fineness.

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The eyes of all sportsmen and sport lovers—particularly all followers of the British Columbia of Canada's national game—will be upon Victoria to-day, when Vancouver's husky twelve engage the representatives of Victoria at the Caledonia Park. It isn't so much the lacrosse team that is upon its trial. It is the sporting grit of Victoria. If the town is ready to abandon its team and the national game on account of one or two preliminary reverses, the rest of British Columbia will be disappointed in Victoria. If on the contrary it rallies to the encouragement of the team and the support of the game, the former will take heart and come to the front as it could not under any other impetus, while the game will take a new lease of life. Victorians have had their say as to New Westminster's poor sportsmanship. Let them, by turning out in thousands for to-day's match at Caledonia Park, show that they at least are sportsmen in dull days as well as days of the sunshine brand. Vancouver has for to-day's engagement sent over as sturdy and likely a bunch as has been seen under the Terminal City's colors in many a day. On the other hand Victoria seems stronger than in any previous match of the season. Sammy Lorimer is in goal—a tower of strength—while the following are also enlisted: Walter Lorimer, Cap. McConnell, Alex. Stephens, Archie Whyte, Walter Laine, Tom Garrow, Pete Morris, Fred Whyte, Glahome, a good fast man late of Nanaimo, W. S. West and Stanley Peele. Looks something like a new team, doesn't it? The bunch has shown up well in practice and it is thought can do things. For spare men Victoria has George Simpson, Tom Crocker, D. Clegg and Charles Pike.

On Monday next the picked oarsmen of the J.B.A.A., accompanied by a numerous retinue, will leave for Seattle, from which city they expect to take a special car to Portland, where this year the championship events are to be disposed of at the annual regatta of the N.P.A.A.O., the governing body of international aquatic sport on the Pacific. The Victoria party is expected to number about twenty-five, of whom ten are competitors in the championship events: DesBrisay in the senior singles; DesBrisay and O'Sullivan in the senior doubles; C. Kennedy and W. Jesse in the junior doubles; Wilson, Dillabough, Kennedy and Jesse in the senior fours; and Andrews, Brown, Finlayson and Donaldson, in the junior fours. The friends of DesBrisay imagine that he will have a comparatively easy time of it in the single sculls, for there is no longer his most dangerous opponent. The sturdy Portlander has not been training, and if he goes in at all will do so out of condition for the purpose of filling the race. DesBrisay is in excellent shape, keeps hard at work daily (although a fire at his business establishment last Friday has thrown him out more than a little), and feels competent to dispose of the old veterans Patton and Lamberson, who are reputed the most dangerous men against him. The senior four shows but one change in its composition since it swept all before it last year. Leonard Gill having been replaced at No. 2 oar by Dillabough, a lighter man but a stronger all round athlete. There has been one change in the seating of the men during the past fortnight, Dillabough and Kennedy changed places in the boat and Coach O'Sullivan is satisfied that this change was for the best. The junior four, stroked by Andrews, realizes fully that its work is out, and Vancouver's juniors stroked by Dalton having proven good enough to defeat the senior four of the Terminal City and assume the representation of the Vancouver colors in both senior and junior events. The junior four here is made up of 155 lb. men, not the same crew at all which represented the Bays in the Victoria Day regatta. The hear that Vancouver's seniors had not taken serious training for the N.P.A.A.O. meeting, and merely went to the recent races at the Terminal town, unconditioned, and starting at a 38 stroke, in order to give the junior four a chance to beat them with credit and make good their right to represent the club at Portland, in both classes.

The judges in the recent yacht race at English Bay, Vancouver, for the handsome Mackie trophy, appear to have made a pretty muddle of things. The race was between the Seattle yacht Gwendolyn, challenger, owned by Mr. L. Barnum Johnson, and Mr. Hodson's Wideawake, which had defeated Gwendolyn handily in the international honor races here only a few days before. The race and trophy were given by the Vancouver judges to the challenger, which returned to the Sound and was given a royal welcome as was her due. Then the judges got out their slates and pencils and did some more figuring which resulted in the discovery that they had made a mistake. The time allowance had been given the judges in seconds—three figures—and they had taken it for minutes and seconds. The correction of the error makes Wideawake winner by 30 seconds, and affidavits to this effect have been forwarded to Seattle. Mr. Hodson nevertheless announces that he will not accept the trophy under such an award, although he will be happy to give another race for it. The Vancouver yacht club had already formally challenged for the trophy in 1905.

The annual prize meeting of the rifle-men is on for Monday and the following days at the Clover Point range, the programme being as hereunder:
Monday, July 15
8:00 to 9:00 a. m.—Extra series, 500 yards.
9:00 to 10:30 a. m.—Nursery, 500 yards.
10:30 to 12:00 m.—New Westminster match, 500 yards.
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Luncheon.
1:00 to 6:00 p. m.—Helmecken, 200, 500 and 600 yards.

Tuesday, July 19.
8:00 to 11:00 a. m.—Victoria Corporation match, 500 and 600 yards.
11:00 to 11:45 a. m.—Extra series.
12:00 to 1:00 p. m.—Luncheon.
1:00 to 6:00 p. m.—Vancouver Bankers' match, 500 and 900 yards.
Wednesday, July 20.
8:00 to 11:30 a. m.—Nanaimo match 200 and 600 yards.
11:30 to 12:30 p. m.—Luncheon.
12:30 to 3:30—Vancouver Corporation match, 500 yards.
3:30 to 5:30 p. m.—Rapid Fire match, 500 yards.

It pays to take an intelligent interest in athletics. It pays in building up a constitution that can stand the strain put upon it when occasion makes the opportunity of a lifetime. It pays in the promotion of longevity. It pays sometimes its dividends in advance. There were four candidates for the Rhodes scholarship allotted to British Columbia—Harry Bray of Nanaimo, Israel Rubinowitz, E. DeBeek, S.G.T. Lucas and A.W. Donaldson of Vancouver. In scholastic qualification there was little to choose between this quintette. So the examiners—Chief Justice Hunter, Hon. Mr. Justice Duff and Mr. Alexander Robinson, B.A., superintendent of education, awarded the scholarship to the candidate foremost in athletics. Mr. Donaldson is a nephew of Mrs. Robert Erskine of this city, 22 years of age and passed his second year's McGill examination while attending Vancouver College.

Sedro-Woolley is cock of the walk. In the return games with Victoria here, they had it virtually their own way, although the attending crowd received good value for their money. The visitors proved about the best stickers ever seen here. And the home team's work in the field wasn't all that it should have been. Besides which neither Blackburn nor Holness is the equal of the great Nagle. The fireworks on Saturday defeated the North Wards by a neat little score of 50 to 7, from which it will be seen that the game was close and exciting all the way through.

Charles Knox, 14, Boys' Central School is the first to qualify for a first-class swimming certificate this term. Nine boys and seven girls have qualified in long distance swimming. Twenty boys and fifteen girls have passed into the senior grade classes. C. Holmes leads for the Lieut.-Governor's medal in the boys' senior class. Albert Jones and Richard Catterall rank first and second. Miss Strath leads for the Lieut.-Governor's medal in the girls' senior class

E. Hardie ranks first and the Misses Bishop and Rudd tie for second place. The average daily temperature of the swimming pool has been 64 degrees.

The British Columbia sailing canoe Tillium, in which Captain J.C. Voss of this city is circumnavigating the globe, has arrived safely at St. Helena completing 26,000 miles without one serious misadventure. One of the practical objects of Capt. Voss' long cruise, which was begun from this city on the 21st of May, 1901, is to demonstrate the advantages of a sea anchor of his own invention, which apparently is proving all the virtues claimed for it.

A twenty-one-foot launch with compromise stern is just receiving the finishing touches at Harris' boat yard on Work Street. The motor is a 3 h.p. Truscott supplied by R. Hutchison. Jack Williams of Esquimalt, for whom this craft is being built, expects her to make from eight to eight and a half miles an hour. She will be used to convey tourists and others to and from the warships in Esquimalt Harbor.

The fishing of the past week has been but indifferent. There are still good fish in the Cowichan but the rods are generally so close together that a telegraph line might conveniently be strung on them. Good reports are coming in from Koksilah.

In order not to conflict with the attraction presented by the lacrosse boys in their home match with Vancouver, the baseball management have canceled the proposed game here with Everett to-day, and will miss one Saturday.

New Westminster lacrosseists have accepted an offer to play in Portland—that is if there is money enough in it, which is of course an important consideration for a strictly amateur aggregation.

Victoria's cricketers defeated the Royal Engineers' eleven Wednesday, by 117 to 92. The big match of the season here is on for July 30th, when Vancouver plays at the Jubilee grounds.

Roberts the English champion billiardist, has been in the city since Tuesday, when he arrived on the Empress. He has been making a tour of the Orient.

Vancouver's golfers have organized with Harry Abbott as honorary and Campbell Sweeny as active president. The membership numbers 132 gentlemen players, 67 lady players, and 30 honorary members.

The Bays who represent Victoria at the N.P.A.A.O. regatta will wear plainly distinguishing uniforms—the letters J.B.A.A. in white across the breasts of the blue jerseys.

Mr. T. Peden of the Victoria Gun Club, has won the Weiler trophy with a score of 20, and Mr. C. Ebel the Adams' novice prize with a break of 17.

Another athletic meet at Vancouver for the championships of British Columbia is a probability of the near future.

The James Bays turned the tables upon the Victoria West lacrosse twice last Saturday, defeating them 5 to 3.

The eleven of the Garrison again defeated the Victoria C. C. last Saturday, by 122 to 84 in a single innings.

Goteh and McLeod have signed articles to wrestle in Vancouver. Who cares?

Winnipeg's four lost nobly at the Henley regatta, but won the Thames cup at Putney.

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