

Way For The Patrol

Victoria's Hurry-Up Wagon a Thing of Beauty and the Text of Righteous Pride.

It's done!
It's been delivered!
It's actually in commission!
And as Chief Langley says, "We had no less than five calls to respond to the very first day."

The Chief put up a creditable imitation when he said it, of the blasé, ennui-ridden nonchalance of a metropolitan police inspector to whom a really-and-truly patrol wagon is nothing more impressive or out of the ordinary than a pair of common grey woolen socks in the good old winter time.

But still Sherlock Holmes would have noted that he did say "less" where "fewer" was the word, thereby betraying a carefully repressed excitement that consumed itself in secret. And one wonders if somebody would not have been severely disciplined if there had not been a single call rung in.

Victoria's patrol system is now inaugurated, and the members of the force from the Chief down are just as proud of it as a four-year-old of his first pair of trousers such as the tailor grows. They make a becoming bluff at being modestly indifferent as to their new pet. It is true, but in heart they are in such a gleeful condition that they hurry back from dinner and hang around the station after they've signed off watch, just to watch the wagon standing there, "Ready, Aye Ready" as it were.

Officer Carlow who handles the whip and ribbons by day, became so impatient as the last days before delivery of the wagon came round, that it is hard to conjecture exactly what would have happened if Mr. Mable had not completed his work on time, so that the wagon might be available for use if necessary by the night of the regular City Council meeting.

It was just professional enthusiasm on the officer's part—that was all—but people were apt to draw uncharitable deductions when they peered through the windows and saw the good looking policeman practising his new part, with a big packing case for a driver's box and a junior edition for a footboard. And they were equally liable to be uncharitable when the cop descended from his perch to polish the new harness, give a good rub-down to an irresponsible bale of hay, and bestow a caressing pat upon a waiting sack of oats.

Not that the packing case, the bale of hay, the new harness, the oats, and the policeman might not have been about as valuable to the horse or the wagon as the completed equipment is without patrol boxes or an alarm system.

They could not have made the city feel so grown up and metropolitan, however, and it's not a half bad sensation. The only bitter drop in the present cup of joy is that the association under Mr. Cuthbert's pastoral charge cannot very well feature the new patrol as an attraction for the encouragement of tourists. Of course it hasn't the altitude of the rubber-neck wagon, alias the tally-ho, but at least it is never and the coachman and footman are both in livery, and that should count for something.

For the convenience of tourists and citizens generally it may be mentioned that patrol wagon No. 1 of the V. P. D.

when not hurrying through the streets in response to duty's call, is to be found at Police Headquarters on Cormorant street, almost immediately opposite the palatial laundry establishment of Mr. Lee Hop Wah. If in a hurry, one need not trouble to inspect more than the headquarters patrol, for the wagons in use in the several precincts are all very similar in design and appearance.

The quarters of the patrol squad are marked at night by a large illuminated orange over the street door; and contain comfortable offices and private rooms for the officers on duty, also the patrol horse, several bales of hay and the sack of oats. The fire department system of swinging harness, quick hitching, and automatic release doors has been adopted, and as soon as Constable Carter can be taught to slide down a pole, this adjunct also will be adopted.

The wagon itself is a recherche creation in the very latest New York fashion, the body being in rich black de chine (somewhat after the style of an undertaker's runabout) but with a strikingly effective square yoke box driver's seat, the body of the confection being open the entire length and relieved with two contrasting rows of seats, terminating in a demi-train step. Ornamentation: three iron rings worn inconspicuously; silver lettering and civic armorial bearings at sides, horse to match. The patrol is designed to carry twelve prisoners and a constable in addition to the driver, or seven prisoners and either Constable Carson or Detective Perdue.

Just how the patrolmen—that is the men who walk the beats—are expected to avail themselves of the co-operation of the wagon is not yet distinct. Having made their arrests, it is patent that they will have to summon the patrol or get someone to do it for them, while keeping hold upon their prisoners—and there is no police patrol alarm system. Presumably the regulations of the department will be speedily amended, and in addition to baton, dark lantern, and false whiskers, each patrolman will henceforth carry rope and tackle, together with a copy of the revised telephone subscribers' directory, so that it will be the simplest matter in the world for him to tie his captive securely to the nearest post or pillar, locate the most convenient telephone, secure access to it, phone to headquarters, and then await the coming of the wagon, with feelings of unbounded gratitude that all the vexatious vicissitudes of the antiquated twentieth century progress.

For the convenience of members of the force, business men or householders who are also telephone subscribers, are requested to have printed cards explaining the exact locations of their phones, placed in conspicuous positions on their outer doors, and to be sure to leave keys under the mat to prevent loss of the constable's valuable time, which is the city's time and the citizens'.

Besides serving the general purposes of a police patrol, the wagon is well equipped with first aid to the injured appliances and can be quickly converted into an ambulance upon emergency, which suggests a line of duty by far from the least valuable of those that can be foreseen for it. It is also designed to serve a variety of other useful purposes—the right man would have no difficulty in making good money with it on regatta day at the Gorge—although citizens are warned that in no case will its use be authorized for the removal of garbage or the handling of stray dogs or ashes outside the fire limits.

This week it has been Constable Carlow's pleasure to be assigned to patrol wagon duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Constable Munro taking the night trick—6 p.m. to 4 a.m.—and the barrack man going out also at each call. If anyone is so ill-advised as to fall foul of the police between 4 and 8 a.m., when a majority of good citizens are supposed

to be wrapped in the unstarched robes of sleep, they have their summary punishment in the knowledge that they will not be permitted to ride to the station in the pretty new hurry-up wagon.

Random Reflections

BRITISH agents in Amatoangaland have discovered a tree with "an exudation having physical properties about mid-way between true rubber and gutta percha"—very closely resembling Premier McBride's political conscience.

TORONTO World says Perry, the King's prize winner, will return there to live if he can get his wife to consent. Evidently Perry is a diplomatic humorist. He hasn't any wife, unless he won one with his other spoils at Bisley.

THE sympathy of all British Columbia will be extended to the members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. They have to listen to the Deadman's Island case next.

IT'S a Revelstoke paper which says that since Joe Martin has dropped politics he is held in great respect by the members of his profession.

FORTY thousand people paid to see a ball game in New York last week. It must have reminded old Victorians of a Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay.

THE pen may be mightier than the sword, but in the Orient even the typewriter has to take second place to the shoulder strap of military authority.

PERHAPS Russia is just a little regretful now that she ordered the London Times correspondent to pack his trunk and go.

COLONIST advertises that Mr. Price dropped a letter on the Spring Ridge car the other day. Mr. Price is an Englishman, and the car was not injured.

THE open season for the campaign has arrived, and the sport is particularly good in Lillooet.

NOW that the police patrol charges its patrons a \$1 fare, it might be asked if it has paid the hack license?

IT WAS 96 in the shade in Seattle last week. But then Seattle has long enjoyed the reputation of being a hot town.

AULAY MORRISON tried another kind of fishing the other day by speaking against fish traps.

PORT ARTHUR declines to fall. Its "never touched me" gee is becoming exasperating.

TO the young and giddy: Now is the time to do your spooning; the salmon have begun to run.

THE general gaining most celebrity in the Orient these days is General Attack.

ESQUIMALT is the most aristocratic suburb of Victoria because the big guns are there.

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- 25c. for 12 1/2c
- 10c. Apron Gingham 5c.
- \$1.00 Black Grenadines and Voiles 50c. yard
- 25c. Double Width Plaid at 15c. yard
- Light Colors in Voiles, Cashmeres worth 75c. for 45c. yard

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Defeat For Russia

(Continued from page 4.)

Headhede, Kilburn and Lennox were held at port awaiting the disappearance of the small cruiser of the sea. It seemed to be the Japanese conclusion that Vice-Admiral Bezobrazoff's policy primarily was, by harassing Japanese shipping and coasts, to draw Admiral Togo's main squadron after him and away from the close investment of Port Arthur, at least long enough to permit the bottled warships to escape and eventually affect a junction. After speculating at some length upon the Vladivostok squadron's programme, the Fiji concludes "If its object is to make a run for life and join the Baltic fleet and if it succeeds in it, then it is a rat escaped out of the trap; but if it intended to harry the shipping on the eastern coast as long as the coal in its bunkers allows, and then to cross the straits again to go back to its base, it will not be allowed to slip a second time and it must fall into our hands." But it was allowed to slip a second time, and it did not "fall into our hands."

The statement that Gen. Stossal is trying to obtain communication with the Russian troops outside the cordon by means of wireless telegraphy is described by military experts as doomed to failure. The Japanese, both on their fleet outside Port Arthur and on the Mainland, have complete wireless plants, by means of which they can send forth trivial Hertzian waves which will render the Russian messages absolutely un-intelligible. While a skilled operator is required to transmit or receive a wireless communication, the merest novice can achieve complete success in spoiling messages. The question of wireless communication promises also to raise an interesting international point. Some of the authorities who are examining the matter hold that if a blockaded port is in wireless communication with a shore station on neutral territory this does not necessarily constitute breach of neutrality on the part of the country in whose territory the receiving station is located, any more than would communication over an unsevered cable.

A letter from a soldier at Port Arthur gives a sidelight on the terrors of military rule in that long-belegged fortress. "Every day," says this letter, "new orders are issued by our General, Stossal. It is a case of punishment for everything. After the plot (whip) had failed to put a stop to thieving, the general declared stealing to be a capital offence. * * * Three men—two Ar-billerists and a Chinese—were hanged yesterday for taking vodka from the officers' mess. * * * The soldiers cried and begged for mercy but the Chinaman grinned the whole time. When Father Urmansky was confessing the men before hanging he told the Chinaman that he had one chance yet of salvation. The Chinaman said, "Me no want to go to four heaven."

The stations at Kungtu, Szepingchich and Shaomontou on the Chinese Eastern Railway have been frequently attacked by mounted banditti of late and the railway and telegraph wires destroyed. The Russians are now excavating ditches on the western side of the railway and erecting batteries on the bridges. The Russians are storing rails and sleepers at every station for use in case of the destruction of the railway. Viceroy Wei has asked the viceroy of Canton to send him reinforcements, that the banditti at Kwansi had got beyond control. The viceroy of Canton sent his standing army in compliance.

ADVERTISING VANCOUVER.

The Vancouver Tourist Association will be well to the fore at the exhibition. The association has forwarded two thousand copies of their booklet, and nine large photographs, in connection with the Provincial Government exhibit, which is in charge of Mr. R. M. Palmer. The photographs will be used for decorative purposes and consist of the large increase picture taken last summer showing the match between New Westminster and Vancouver, at which there were 11,300 persons present. Another picture shows a splendid view of English Bay and swimming races, held last August. This picture has been colored by Mr. Ramsay. The others are "The Vancouver Range," showing the mountains across the inlet; "Princess Victoria" leaving Vancouver en route to Victoria and Seattle; "Capilano Canyon"; "Big Trees in Stanley Park," and another showing three of Vancouver's homes—Manitoba Free Press.

B. C. Fruit at Winnipeg

Provincial Exhibit Should Greatly Stimulate Exports Settlement.

An exhibit which draws and holds attention at the exhibition is that of British Columbia fruit. The small boy on his way to the cattle sheds stops here and licks gingerly till his eyes grow big as the gooseberries on which he gazes; the thrifty housekeeper in these mid-summer jamming-days approves of the big, smooth Victoria tomatoes, the cherries and the raspberries, and her approval is that of the connoisseur. Best testimony, perhaps, of all, is that of Mr. McIntosh, Winnipeg's leading market gardener, who says, "Scotland may beat British Columbia on cherries but no other place on this green earth can." Now when a Scot says any thing or any place comes next to Scotland, it may claim first place without the one limitation; that was only his concession to patriotism, the (quite necessary) impulse which prompts the national weaver's prayer, "O, Lord gie us a guid conceit o' oursel's!" The B. C. fruit exhibit is good. It is not large, it can by no means be called representative, for it is really too late in the season for small fruits, strawberries, raspberries, and currants, and too early for a display of the western province's pears, apples, plums, peaches, crab-apples and grapes. However, as the exhibitors who are in charge, Mr. R. M. Palmer, of the B. C. bureau of information, and Mr. W. J. Brandrith, secretary of the B. C. Fruit Growers' association, point out, a full exhibit of these magnificent fruits will form a striking feature of the two provincial fall fairs to be held in Victoria and New Westminster, the dates being: Victoria, September 27 to October 1; New Westminster, October 4 to 7 both inclusive. The present exhibit occupies a prominent corner in the B. C. building. In placing it there has been no attempt at pretty decoration, no scareheads or Roman capitals, no fireworks. It is supposed, like Priscilla's lover, to "speak for itself John." A few well executed views by Fleming Bros. of Victoria, and the Messrs. Thompson and Edwards, of Vancouver, call attention to the varied resources and attractions of Canada's biggest province. At one end is a beautifully colored photograph from the Vancouver Tourist Association, showing the swimming races in the surf at English Bay, next this is Capilano Canyon, the source of Vancouver's water supply; there are views of B. C.'s big "tooth-picks," the Parliament buildings at Victoria, and the much-admired "Fraser fishing fleet," Vernon's hop-yards are shown, with orchard scenes of Kamloops and the Okanagan; and a progressive strawberry series from Mr. Palmer's own ranch, picturing the strawberries blossoming, bearing, and ready for shipment. British Columbia is a big province; it is large enough to hold within itself side by side at the same time, two Englands, three Irelands, and four Scotlands; and these nine countries will be in no danger of dropping out again or of falling over the edge, for there would still be 5000 square miles of country uncovered. The bigness of the land is borne in upon us when we turn from the picture of the block of Northern Spies on the Aberdeen ranch on the Okanagan to handle the smooth roundness of the perfect tomatoes received daily from the Woodward gardens in Victoria. The exhibit consists of bottled and fresh fruits. In the bottles are apples, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, crab-apples, cherries, quinces, logan-berries, raspberries and gooseberries. They are of good color, and have retained their shape, their size is everything that can be desired, and the peripatetic agriculturalist must just be content, so far as the flavor goes, to "take it as read." So it is, too, regarding the richness, the extent and the untold possibilities of the natural fruit belts of British Columbia. One gets just about as adequate a conception of our orchards and fruit farms by gazing at a few specimens in a glass jar as Mrs. Wiggs had when she sent her pickle-bottle to be filled with "Niagara" water because she wanted to see what the falls were like.

One small fruit which attracts a good deal of attention is the logan-berry, a hybrid developed from the red raspberry and the old English bramble; its great advantage as a shipper being its firmness. It could easily be seen from Victoria to Montreal with a guarantee of arriving in good shape. It makes most excellent jelly. The North Dakotans and Min-

nesotans who visited the exhibit in numbers were much struck with the big bottled Bartlett pears and the fine specimens of red Astrachan apples from Chilivack. These big Bartletts in British Columbia have a delicious flavor and bouquet, and can be grown from one end of the vast province to another, from the 49th parallel to the 60th, and from the foot-hills of the Rockies to the sea. They, among the bottled fruits divided admiration with the Hyslop crabs and the big Lombard plums. "Why," said one admiring visitor from California, "I thought we did well in the fruit line; but man, your currants are like cherries and your gooseberries like plums!"

Mr. Palmer's official statement regarding the British Columbia fruit crop for 1904 predicts of apples a full crop of excellent quality in all districts. Exports will probably exceed those of last year by 25 cars. The plums and prunes will give a good crop in the Okanagan and Victoria districts, with fair returns from the lower mainland. The small fruits were all good, and the shipments probably 35 per cent. greater than last season. The strawberry export trade is growing, and satisfied markets are being reached and permanently held in Regina, Moose Jaw, Edmonton and intermediate points; but British Columbia is not satisfied with sending her strawberries and small fruits to those distances. Nature intended B. C. to grow the very best strawberries in the world. Air, soil, climate, local conditions—all favor this culture, and there is no logical reason why Winnipeg tables should not through the whole long season be supplied with the magnificent product of the B. C. ranches. Probably God could have made a better berry than the strawberry, but no doubt it has not yet appeared. To reach Winnipeg markets with B. C. strawberries, ventilated express car-service is required to destination. At present ventilated cars come as far east as Calgary only; the freight rate is favorable, but a faster service is required. It is clearly in the interest of the C. P. R. to furnish this and ensure the delivery of perishable fruits—strawberries, raspberries, logan-berries, etc.—in good condition. As it is, Winnipeg consumers appreciate the quality of B. C. fruit, but up to the present have been unable to get a sufficient supply.

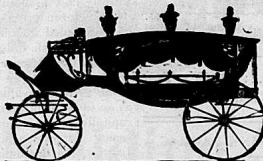
Three questions confront the western province regarding the fruit industry. Settlers are needed to take up the rich land. They must then be taught what fruits the near-by markets demand and how best to cultivate these fruits; and lastly, the question of proper transportation facilities must be intelligently dealt with. This great Northwest is nature's market for B. C. fruits, and that market must be captured and held for and by our own people. To this end it behoves the growers, the government, and the transportation companies to be up and doing; for our enterprising cousins of Washington and Oregon and California are quite willing to come in with their rich fruits of valley and vine and orchard and possess the land.

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For more than a quarter of a century, that is, ever since Marcus Smith made his favorable report on the Yellow Head Pass route for the Canadian Pacific Railway, it has been the earnest desire of the people of this province to have the great region embraced in Cariboo, Omineca and Cassiar opened by a line of railway. The need and the wealth of that region are known to be great. Its auriferous gravels are measured by hundreds of square miles; its grazing land by hundreds of thousands of acres; its fertile valleys may be counted by scores; its coal and mineral deposits are numerous and extensive. Every loyal British Columbian, and especially every resident of Victoria, has realized that the future prosperity of the province, the full development of its potential wealth and its capacity for the accommodation of a permanent population would never be achieved until a railway was built from the sea to the mountains across this magnificent territory. Fifteen years ago the agitation for such a railway took concrete form, and a company composed of strong representative Victoria business men was formed to build what was to be called the Canadian Western Central Railway, afterwards colloquially known as the British Pacific. The Legislature granted liberal aid in land, and it was known that the policy of the Dominion Government of granting subsidies to the extent of \$6,400 a mile would be applied to the proposed railway. An earnest effort was made to secure capital to construct the line, but it failed. There is no need to go over the history of the several attempts. They form a record of disappointments, from the time Mr. Ritchie and his associates obtained their charter down to the failure of the negotiations with Mackenzie, Mann & Co. These disappointments clearly established that there was nothing which the province felt justified in giving, which even when coupled with a bonus of \$6,400 per mile from the Dominion, would induce capitalists to invest money in a railway to open the Central Section of British Columbia. Two reasons may be given for this. One was that the Mountain Division of the C.P.R. main line was known to be unprofitable. The other was that financial people could not be convinced that the desired railway opened a country which would be any more productive than that along the C.P.R. So matters stood in 1902. Every attempt to open the part of the province referred to had ended in failure, and there was no prospect of anything being accomplished. We were hoping against hope that Mackenzie, Mann & Co. could yet be induced to take the matter up in connection with the Canadian Northern Railway, for it had become evident that we would never get a line across Central British Columbia except as an integral part of a new transcontinental road. It would have to be part of an enterprise that would have the traffic of the Prairies on the one hand and that of the Orient on the other to make it acceptable to investors.

In 1902 the Grand Trunk Pacific was proposed. The history of the negotiations are too fresh in every one's mind to render any repetition of them necessary. We know that they culminated in the determination of the Government of Canada, acting in conjunction with what is now the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, to construct a new Transcontinental Railway from the sea coast of British Columbia to Moncton, N. B. where connection will be made with St. John and Halifax, thus securing an absolutely all-Canadian line from ocean to ocean, opening a vast territory, and solving for British Columbia the much-discussed question of the development of its great Central Section. By the terms of the arrangement this is to be done without the expenditure by the Province of British Columbia of one dollar of money or the gift of an acre of land. It was originally intended to require the work to be done within five years, but owing to difficulties attendant upon the financing of the project, it was found necessary to extend the time to eight years. Therefore we will have in eight years, and at a cost of nothing to the province, the railway for the construction of which the people of the province have striven for a quarter of a century, and to secure which they

were willing to give millions in money and millions of acres of land. It has been weary waiting. Children have been born to become voters since the railway now assured was first proposed. A half dozen provincial administrations have grappled with it, only to fail. Probably our British Columbians did not appreciate the magnitude of what we desired. Undoubtedly we were more sanguine as to the value of such a railway as an investment than we could persuade capitalists to be. But thanks to the far-seeing statesmanship of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the consummation of our long-deferred hopes is at last in sight, and in a little over twice as long as it is taking the city of Victoria to fill in the James Bay flat, the British Columbia will have a new transcontinental railway coming to its shores and opening its vast and valuable interior. And every acre of the public domain in the province will remain intact, so far as subsidies are concerned, and not one dollar will have to be paid out of the provincial treasury to promote the undertaking.

The foregoing is a literal statement of facts as they stand to-day. There is no embellishment. Every man, who has been in touch with our provincial affairs during the period referred to, can corroborate what is alleged.

What does this consummation in legislation of the far-reaching policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier mean to this province? It is hardly possible to measure its full significance. The terminus of the new railway will be nearer the Orient than any other port on the Pacific Coast, the gradients on the railway will be easier than those on any other transcontinental line, and its Atlantic terminus will be nearer Europe, except those of the Canadian Pacific, with which they will be identical. This will of necessity mean that there will be built up, wherever the Grand Trunk Pacific Company determine to make its Pacific terminal point, a city which in course of time will rival, and will not surpass, any of the cities on the United States western seaboard. It will of necessity mean that a large amount of travel and traffic will flow north through British Columbia and probably by way of Victoria and Vancouver Island, from points in the United States. It will mean that, as soon as the route of the new railway across this province is determined there will be a movement of population in that direction, which will steadily increase in volume, until all the areas available for settlement have been occupied. It will mean an immediate stimulus to prospecting over an area known to be rich in all the indications of great mineral wealth. If there is anything that will not follow from the completion of this railway, or some one indicate which of them we do not? And if they will follow, are we not right in saying that a policy which means so much for the province and costs so much for the province, nothing at all, is one for which no apology is needed, but on the contrary puts us under a debt of obligation to the distinguished statesman who had the foresight to conceive and the courage to carry it into execution?

But British Columbia is more than a province. It is a part of a great country. Its people take a wider ringer than that which is limited by the provincial boundaries. They realize that the new transcontinental railway is the greatest development undertaking ever launched in the history of the world. They know it means the broadening of Canada, the peopling of millions upon millions of acres of valuable territory, the speedy expansion of the Dominion to the stature of a nation, in point of population, business and wealth. And they know that as the Dominion expands in importance, the Pacific Coast must progress, for it is in this direction that the stream of progress will flow. Not only is the National Transcontinental Railway—to give it its full legal title, a great thing for British Columbia, because it secures the fruition of our most ardent hopes for provincial development, but it is a great thing for Canada, as the years to come will abundantly testify.

IMPERIAL BUSYBODIES.

What is this we hear about "keeping both hands on the Union Jack" and "stimulating the loyalty of the people of Canada"? Who is this Saturday Reviewer who presumes to lecture Canadians upon their attitude to militarism and this Empire League representative, who has the hardihood to decry the Australians as disloyal, because they do not fall in with his notions as to Imperial defence? A lot of people in England have just awakened to the fact that there is such a thing as a British Empire. While their fellows subject in Greater Britain have gone on building up the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, they have been either asleep or else have

been talking in a patronizing way about "the Colonies." The rush of Canadians, Australians and New Zealanders to South Africa, and the British preference granted by Canada aroused them from their indifference; they have got a glimpse of what the Empire is, and have been straightway seized with a perfervid desire to save it. Bless their officious souls, it is the Empire that will save them. They need not worry. But it would be exceedingly interesting to know what title the Dundonalds, the Saturday Reviewers, the Empire Leagueists, et hoc omne genus, have to teach Canadians loyalty. It would also be interesting to know to what they suppose Canadians are to be loyal. Canadians think they have given pretty good evidence in the past of loyalty to the Empire, even though they may not meet the ideas of the faddists who think an ensign can be made by the passing of resolutions and ceaseless prattings about duty. Danger lurks in the officiousness of these busybodies. Canadians are just as good judges of their duty to the Empire as any one else, and if by and by they begin to chafe under these constant carpings and ill-advised and impertinent criticisms, there will be no reason for surprise. Happily for the Empire it is made of too stern stuff to be broken by the vapourings of a lot of irresponsible people. When these busybodies are flapped into their original obscurity, the Empire will be doing business at the old stand, and Canadians will be ready, as they ever have been, to do and die for king and country, bearing always in mind that he is not King of England only, and that "country" means more than the southern part of a little island, "girt about with its inviolate sea."

Some years ago there was a very useful Y. M. C. A. in this city, but it withered away and died. One of those who held it to the last was asked the reason for the collapse, and this was his reply: "Here are a lot of young fellows in this town, who do not care to go to saloons, clubs or resorts where gaming and drinking is permitted, and who would gladly attend and support a Y. M. C. A. if it were here in Victoria, just when they would get nicely into some innocent game or pleasant conversation, some one would drop in and either say: 'Let us pray,' or 'Start a hymn.' This sort of thing smashed our institution." It is possible that this story may not be timely.

City by-laws are like pie-crust—made to be broken. At least it seems as if they cannot stand a vigorous punch from a legal fist. This good city paid a nice little bunch of money not long ago to have its by-laws revised, since which date it has been the pleased and profitable demonstration to the satisfaction of courts of all kinds, that a Victoria by-law is that it does not mean anything in particular.

And so Mrs. Maybrick is to become an inmate of an insane asylum! It was only a few days ago that her mother and herself were compelled to seek the protection of the American embassy in Paris against the persecutions of the reporters of the yellow press. It would be interesting now to learn if this persecution constitutes the last drop in Mrs. Maybrick's cup of bitterness—or is the asylum story but another deft touch of the anguish painters of the saffron sheets?

The Colonist is tying hard knots in itself these days over the Grand Trunk Pacific. Speaking of the question of subsidizing this line, how would it do to restrain our wrath until we find out if the company intends to ask for a subsidy, what it intends to ask and what it intends to offer in exchange?

Major Silburn of the permanent militia staff of Natal has been summarily dismissed therefrom for writing an article alleging political interference in military selections in some of the colonies. He had cited recent developments in Canada as proof of his statements.

With three steamers in service between Victoria and the Sound, it is a trifle peculiar that the post should be no mail on Thursday outgoing. A little corrective enterprise on the part of the post officials would be appreciated.

The last positive information about the Federal elections is that they will (not) be held this year. The word in brackets may be omitted or included in the sentence according to the reader's own judgment.

Defeat for Russia

Is What Expert Watchers of the War Now Look For—Incompetent Officering the Reason.

Naval and military officers in the uniforms of at least four important powers figured large upon the passenger list of the just-arrived R.M.S. Empress of Japan, from Oriental ports, and—always with the conditional request that they be not quoted by name, which would bring departmental vengeance upon their ears—discussed the progress of the naval and military campaigns in the Far East from the standpoint of experts in the profession of arms, with caustic criticism for both belligerents. In the little group was one officer whose name has gained world-wide prominence through his participation in a spectacular incident of the first importance of the present war. This is Captain Seney, of the French cruiser Pascal, which being at Chemulpo at the time of the misadventure to the Russian ships there, was the instrument in saving the lives of numerous struggling seamen. Others in the company were Lieut. Commander J. W. Kincaid and Paymaster W. A. Merritt, of the United States Army; Commander P. Nelson Ward, Lieut. E. L. Ring, Engr. Lieut. G. S. Holgate, and Lieut. G. G. Carrington, of the British navy; and Captain H. N. B. Hollingshead, of the German navy. These received with expressions of surprise the news of the recent successive reverses to the Russian arms, culminating in the reported retreat en masse of General Kuropatkin's main force, cut off from the support of General Stakelberg's division; and General Kuroki's advance toward the Russian base. It had been agreed weeks ago by those closely following the war, they commented, that Gen. Kuropatkin had but three alternatives to choose from: to capitulate; to fight under heavy odds and with a certainty of tremendous losses; or to retire just as quickly as the Japanese advanced their armies.

His every action since had demonstrated his acceptance of the third alternative, and to their minds proved the Russian forces available for use but the smallest fraction of what they had been claimed to be.

"Not that poverty of numbers would have rendered the Russian case on land a hopeless one," as one British officer commented, "but the whole course of the campaign has shown the Russian officers almost brilliant in their incompetence—parade ground commanders, full of bluster and bravado but with childlike ignorance of the very alphabet of modern military tactics, who with the key to the situation in their hands would have been unable to have put it to effective use. This was demonstrated at the outset of the Japanese inland advance, when the Mikado's general in command so distributed his divisions that had the Russians but emulated some of the earliest dashing movements of the great Napoleon, the invaders might have been successively smashed in their main component parts and hurled back, crushed and broken, to the sea. The Russian soldier material could be no finer—the steady advance of battalion after battalion under the terrific rain of Japanese shell and solid shot on that bare knoll at Kurlenberg (Yalu river) was as fine a presentation of indomitable soldierly courage and perfect discipline as the world has ever seen, but at the same time a wanton sacrifice to the fatal and fatuous system that gives the command of such heroes into the hands of utter incompetents whose credentials are neither intelligence, education, experience nor military genius, but merely accident of birth in a country whose protection has for years been its size and its bluster, and which must now be reorganized from the roots or pass out of the list of important powers. The Japanese army officers represent the direct antithesis of Russian army conditions. They have been studied and expected, tested and analysed and applied the latest modern methods and tactics—and they too have heroes to work with in the common soldiers."

"But Japan certainly has gone the wrong way about it to make a lasting name for her chiefs as geniuses of naval warfare," interrupted a British naval man. "There could be nothing more stupid and unpardonable than the carelessness displayed in sending valuable transports out unconvoyed, to fall into the hands of an alert enemy. The running about after the Vladivostock squadrons has another demonstration of bad judgment. It would have been more effective by far to cut them off from re-

turn and coal at Vladivostok. Indeed the mobility of that little Vladivostock fleet, and the precision of Vice-Admiral Bechbroff's fire, shows him as up to-date and capable an officer as any of his compatriots of the army are anywhere. Had he command of the forces in question like equal to Admiral Togo's or Admiral Kamimura's, he would probably make things extremely unpleasant not only for the Japanese navy but for the seaboard cities of Japan as well. The honors are with Japan on land, but the game is at Bezoobroff at sea. With the material at his command he is a wonder."

The Empress' army and navy people appear fairly agreed that victory will be won by Japan, because of the incompetence of Russia's army chiefs and the internal disorders of the empire rendering it impossible for Russia to mass forces in the Far East capable of crushing the Japanese armies by sheer force of numbers.

An interesting party of diplomats arriving by the Empress are bound for the Hague, where they will argue pro and con the legitimacy under international law of the house tax which Japan seeks to impose upon foreign property holders within the empire, and which the latter resist. Mr. T. Miyaoaka, minister resident (or unattached member of the diplomatic corps) at Tokyo, will support the contentions of the Japanese government in this regard. Mr. T. W. Helley, a leading tea merchant of Kobe, represents the foreigners in opposition. The policy of Japan has been to exclude all heavy subjects of Japan from ownership of real property in the empire. Under the old system, land and houses were leased for extended periods, and ownership being perpetually vested in Japan and these long leases guaranteed the holder immunity from all further assessment. Upon readjustment of affairs under the new treaties of about five years ago, extra-territorial rights it claimed were relinquished, although this is denied by the foreign property holders—and at the outset of the war, Japan levied a heavy tax on the structures erected by foreigners on their long-leased holdings. The foreigners protest that the buildings are fixtures with the land and therefore subject to further assessment. The Japanese government holds that as Japanese law differentiates between realty and improvements, they are subject to taxation as proposed. The Hague tribunal is to decide.

Oscar King Davis, the New York Herald's senior war correspondent whose "exclusive" story of the Yalu battle was one of the journalistic triumphs of the war, is homebound from the front with Mrs. Davis and their little son. Oscar King Davis has the model equipment for a war correspondent. He has youth, an athletic frame and an iron constitution; he has had West Point drilling; he is an excellent linguist; he has had Washington training in diplomacy; he writes brilliant descriptive and strong analysis; and he has had previous war experience, quite recently with the advance of the allies to Peking. He was not one of the correspondents left to bite their nails at Tokyo. He got to the front and saw his first engagements. But he declares that censorship is so exceptionally strict, the Japanese disposition to hamper and obstruct so persistent and so widespread that the energies of the correspondent are utterly paralysed. It is useless to report battles if the reports are to be quietly held up and seen by none save Japanese army officers until their interest has evaporated. And so Mr. Davis and other star correspondents of America are homing. The "official reports" from Tokyo and St. Petersburg, with the service of the Associated Press, must satisfy the public demand for Russo-Japanese war news hereafter—unless the Japanese radically amend their policy toward the correspondents.

The spectacular performances of the Vladivostock squadron furnish food for considerable interesting comment in the Japanese papers whose files the Empress of Japan brought. Everywhere in the best journals there is demonstrated a good natured disposition to treat the daring operations of Vice-Admiral Bezoobroff and his handful of second-rate cruisers and destroyers with something of amused contempt which the elusiveness of the squadron and its accomplishment do not entitle it to. While discrediting the importance of the Vladivostock squadron's operations, the Japanese press, with a few exceptions, has not been so generous in its appraisal of the removal of the old Japan steamship service on both coasts, together with all navigation between Amoy and Hakodate; while the Wingsang, Lydia

The Week in Society

Tennis week, which some one has not amply called "the Ascot of Victoria," has fully occupied the attention of Society, the courts on Belcher street being the meeting place of fashion each and every one of the bright, cloudless afternoons of the present week; and fresh and bewitching toilettes blossoming like tropical flowers, to form a picturesque border for the sad green courts. Seattle alone, unhappily, found it impossible to be represented in the international championship events. Major Bethel, U.S.A., Mr. W. A. Goss, Mrs. and Miss Goss are over from Portland; Mr. A. Remington (president of the international association) and Mr. E. G. Breeze represent Tacoma, while the Vancouver contingent includes Miss King, Miss Tupper, Mr. J. B. Farquhar and Mr. F. L. Beecher. The Cowichan visitors also are numerous, among them Mrs. and Miss Musgrave, Miss Hulbert and Miss Maitland-Dougall. Although it was found inconvenient to carry out the original arrangements for a Thursday evening dance at the Dallas, the visitors have not lacked social entertainment worthy of the fame of Victoria hospitality. On Thursday evening Mrs. Pooley gave a charming supper followed by a delightful musical evening at Fernhill, to which all the tennis week visitors were invited, as well as quite a number of Victorians. Luncheons have also been given almost every day at Oakdene, the pretty home of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell, in honor of the visitors, while the gentlemen players have been guests at the several clubs. It is probable that an international tennis dinner will be given at the Union Club this evening.

On Wednesday afternoon in Christ Church Cathedral, Miss Ethel Kane, graduate nurse of St. Thomas Hospital London, was united in marriage to Mr. Walter Finmore of Watford, England. The ceremony, which was full choral, was performed by Rev. W. Baugh Allan, with Mr. Geo. E. Pauline officiating at the organ. The bride was handsomely gowned in ivory satin over taffeta trimmed with Maltese lace and silk metalions, the latter the work of gift of her friend, Miss Sennett. The groom's present was a heavy gold bracelet, which he bride wore as well as a necklace of pearls with gold cross. She looked charming as she entered the church on the arm of Mr. Arthur Longfield, who gave her away. Miss Blackmore and Miss Hanna, the bridesmaids, wore faintly gowns of white chiffon over pale blue voile, with large picture hats, and carried shroud bouquets of white carnations. Fleur-de-lis brooches set with pearls were their presents from the groom. At the close of the ceremony the wedding party drove to the residence of the groom's brother, Mr. James Finmore, Craigflower Road, where congratulations were received from their many friends. The four o'clock train carried the happy couple to Shawngin Lake, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress was a pretty suit of navy blue basket cloth with hat to match. Invitations are already out for a large reception to be held by Mrs. Finmore at their new home on Fifth street. Among the many and beautiful presents were noticed the following: Silver and cut glass cake dish, from the nurses of St. Joseph's hospital; long feather boa, Nurse Sennett; blue silk shawl, Miss French; silver mounted purse, Miss Violet Goodwin; oil painting, Mr. and Mrs. Pauline; palms, Mrs. George Gardner; black marble clock, Mr. Laurie; linen table cloth, Miss Paul; silver tea spoons, Nurse Burns; silver salt and pepper castors, the Misses Whiteside; silver butter dish and knife, Nurse Tidbury; picture by Millais, Nurse Walker; china fruit dish, Miss Kathleen Allott; silver oyster forks, Miss Hattie Clifford; silver fruit spoons, Miss Agnes Lankovitch; silver and oak biscuit jar, Mrs. Cave; silver cruet, cut glass water pitcher and glasses, officers of naval yard; silver fruit spoons, Mrs. Aldrey; handsome pieces of china, Mr. Finmore; half dozen silver coffee spoons, Nurse Gibson; gold-lined silver sugar bowl and spoon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Longfield.

Mr. John Mogridge of the steamer Edna Grace, and Miss Grace Wilson, fourth daughter of Mr. James Wilson, sanitary inspector, were united in marriage at the manse on Monday evening by Rev. W. Leitch. The ceremony was a quiet one, only relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties being present. The bride was given away by her father. Miss Neelands

acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Alan Wilson supported the bridegroom. The happy couple will spend their honeymoon on the Mainland.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Harold Jones spent a portion of their honeymoon in Victoria this week, Mrs. Jones having until recently been Miss Emma Keary, eldest daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Keary of the Royal City. Their wedding was the notable social event of last week at New Westminster. Miss Clute and Miss Mainwaring Johnson were among the guests from this city.

Congratulations are extended to four popular young Victorians in connection with the announcement of the engagements of Lieut. Blandy R.N. and Miss Violet Vernon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vernon; and Mr. Frank R. O'Reilly, son of Hon. and Mrs. P. O'Reilly, and Miss Nonie Powell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell of Oakdene.

Rev. J. F. Viehert officiated last Saturday at the marriage of Mr. Bertram Paxton and Miss Jean Davidson Crawford, the ceremony being quiet at 19 Quebec street. Mr. and Mrs. Paxton will make their home in Seattle.

Miss Nicholles and Miss Fraser were guests at a charming house dance last week, given by Mrs. McEvey at her home in Vancouver in honor of her niece, Miss Chambers of this city.

Mr. and Mme Monin leave this month for Paris. It is possible that M. Monin will not return to the charge of the French consulate for this province, receiving promotion in the French diplomatic service.

Miss Gardiner of this city was among the guests at the marriage of Miss Ethel Gardiner of New Westminster and Mr. James E. Dye of Seattle, which was solemnized at the Terminal City last Monday.

To-morrow, weather permitting, the yacht Gensel with Mrs. C. W. Rhodes as hostess will have a party of ten or twelve guests on board and lunch will be partaken of at one of the beautiful bays at Albert Head.

Mrs. Steffan and her son have gone to New York, to join Mrs. Steffan's daughter, Miss May Stully, who is now engaged in the editorial department of Collier's Weekly.

Mr. J. B. Mills, K.C., who represented Annapolis, N.S., in the Dominion Parliament from 1886 to 1900, is enjoying a midsummer holiday here.

Hon. and Mrs. Cecil Edwardes leave next week for England, for an extended visit with Hon. Mr. Edwardes' brother, Lord Kensington, at St. Brides.

Miss Dupont was among the guests at the finals of Mrs. J. H. Senkler's bowling tournament, in Vancouver, last week.

Mr. J. P. Meyers Grey, city solicitor of Greenwood, and Mr. E. W. Chester, of the Bank of Montreal, are spending a summer holiday in the Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Cuppage have moved from 16 Quebec street to their delightful new residence on the north side of Maclure street.

Mr. Archibald E. McEachran and Miss Mary Louise Barrett of this city, were married at Nanaimo on Wednesday last, Rev. A. M. Sanford officiating.

Miss F. McGeoch and Miss M. Tolhurst of London, Ont., who have been visiting relatives here, have left for the Mainland en route for home.

Mrs. D. M. Paterson, who is now enjoying Shawngin Lake life in her new cottage, paid Victoria a short visit during the week.

Mr. A.W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs for the Province of British Columbia, left Thursday on an extended trip through the upper country.

Mr. J. Critchley of Saanich is en route to England, where he will represent the local branches of the S. O. E. at the annual convention of that order.

Bishop and Mrs. Hamilton, and Miss Hamilton, of Juneau, spent several days of this week here, en route to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger of Aberdeen, Wn., spent their honeymoon in Victoria this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Finley Murchison celebrated their golden wedding last week at their home on Galiano Island.

Miss Florence Clute of Los Angeles is the guest of her cousin, Miss Clute, of this city.

Mrs. A. J. Tolmie has returned to the Mainland after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Mr. A. Herbert Ritchie has left for Prague to further prosecute his violin studies.

Miss Peden has returned from a pleasant two months' visit with Mrs. Burns of the Terminal City.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Marvin have returned from a fortnight's rustication at Mayne Island.

Mr. F. S. Hussey has returned from California, very much improved in general health.

Mrs. Fred. W. Valleur has returned from a six months' visit with relatives on the Mainland.

Mrs. Kirby of Niagara is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. D. Sedger, Lampson street.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Wilson of Vancouver are enjoying their summer holiday here.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Eidenmuller of San Francisco are spending the so-called heated term in Victoria.

Mrs. J. B. Preston and Miss Preston, and Mrs. H. H. Powell, of Santa Clara, Cal., are guests of Mrs. Dixie H. Ross.

Mr. H. McCandless has returned from a holiday visit to the Mainland.

Miss Bates has returned from a pleasant visit with Vancouver friends.

Rev. Dr. Stewart of Prescott, Ont., is enjoying his summer vacation here.

Messrs. Jack and Harry Kline of Seattle are summering at Chemainus.

Miss Tupper of Vancouver was the guest of Miss Pemberton for tennis week.

Mrs. T. N. Rutledge spent several days this week with Vancouver friends.

Mrs. and Miss Sprague of Golden are holidaying here.

Mr. J. W. Mellor has left for a visit to the Old Country.

Miss Willis is making a fortnight's stay at Corfield.

The Misses Stirtan are visiting their aunt, Mrs. Mitchell, of Vancouver.

Mrs. W. J. H. Holmes of Kaslo is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. W. J. Cullom has returned from a pleasant visit to Alert Bay.

Mrs. J. D. McNiven is visiting friends on the Mainland.

Miss Evans of Vancouver is visiting with Mrs. Miller.

Mrs. H. Wheeler has left on a visit to Ireland.

—Neglected Apparatus: As a sample of badly neglected apparatus, the Victoria West chemical which is at present receiving a re-painting at the carriage shop of William Dempster on Johnson street, is deserving of inspection by citizens, who have a right to ask that their property is better looked after than this particular vehicle has been. The chemical does not seem to have been cleaned during the five years or so of its commission. Its copper and brass are sadly tarnished; the bottoms of the cylinder have been daubed with paint, seemingly to avoid cleaning them; the whole vehicle is a picture of neglect. Now that it is in the city, a favorable opportunity is afforded the chief of the fire department to have a look at it.

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Handicapping Enterprise

How Victoria Legislates to Keep New Business Away From the City.

In the opinion of Police Magistrate Hall, the by-law of the corporation of Victoria assuming to define and tax as such "the transient trader," is ultra vires of the enacting body, going much further than the Legislature in its wisdom ever authorized the city to go in such regard. That besides being bad in law, it is equally bad in equity, will be the opinion of many who have followed the proceedings of the interesting test case, in which Mr. Andrew Blygh was made defendant, and which has furnished the chief topic of conversation in the business community during the present week.

Mr. Blygh has made Victoria his home for some time. He is a property owner and a voter here. He saw a favorable opportunity to buy some first class dry goods stocks at advantageous terms, and was moved to go into business here, which he did, at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. His enterprise and methods of presenting it to the public brought him extensive patronage.

When came the city tax collector. Mr. Blygh had already paid the usual license for conducting such a business as his, but the collector had evidently received a tip (and it is not too much to suspect that some dry goods house suffering through the rush of trade in the new house's direction may have been the tipster) and upon his second appearance demanded payment of a special tax of \$500, or as an alternative guarantee in the form of bonds to the amount of \$1,000 that Mr. Blygh would remain in the business here for the space of at least a twelvemonth. Mr. Blygh declined to recognize the justice of such a demand, and was thereupon hailed before the police court, charged with violation of the laws of the municipal parliament.

It is noteworthy that he conducted his own case, cross-examining with shrewd far-sightedness and effect. Mr. Bradburn, city solicitor, appeared in behalf of the corporation—prosecutor. After the completion of the evidence, Mr. Robertson came into the case as counsel for Mr. Blygh.

To put the matter succinctly, it was disclosed by the evidence that in the city of Victoria, by virtue of a by-law duly incorporated in the municipal statutes, the city was some time ago empowered to meet every suggestion of enterprise in the establishment of new business, by waiting upon the proprietor and demanding bonds, which must be furnished by two resident citizens of means, in the amount of \$1,000 that the business would be carried on for at least twelve months, in default of which bond the city was authorized to collect a "transient trader's tax" of \$500. In lieu of the bonds referred to, the new business man was permitted if he chose to deposit \$1,000 in cash with the corporation during his first year's engagement in business here, so that in the event that he should have to abandon it, the city would cinch the incident by taking \$1,000 more from him, for no particular reason than that there was a chance to get it.

While such a by-law no doubt would command the cordial approval of persons already in business—who may perhaps have inspired it originally—as going a very long way toward the discouragement of competition by any additions to existing business establishments, it assuredly could not be cited as likely to simulate enterprise or the growth of the city's commercial community.

When a man of business proposes to venture opening out in a new city he usually has necessary investments in connection with his enterprise which fully occupy his available capital—he is taking the chances of success or failure to make these good. And he certainly does not as a rule have odd thousands available for handing over to the city, as a preliminary fine to be imposed in the event of failure. The principle of the by-law discourages persons from opening new businesses in Victoria, and it is economically unjust.

This was the way that Mr. Blygh looked at it, and he accordingly fought the issue—with the result that the Magistrate has ruled the by-law ultra vires. Mr. Bradburn has requested a written judgment, intimating that the city may take an appeal.

It was on this intimation that the

Magistrate dryly suggested that counsel should look well into the merits of the matter before going to a higher tribunal.

Meanwhile the crowds still flock to Mr. Blygh's big sale, and others in the dry goods trade don't like it.

—The Rule of the Road:

Propos of the fact that many tourists and others from the United States and Eastern Canada are now visiting this province it may not be out of place to quote the old rhyme which directs the Englishman how to pass his neighbor on the road:

The Rule of the Road is a paradox quite,

Though custom hath sanctioned it long;

If you go to the left, you are sure to go right,

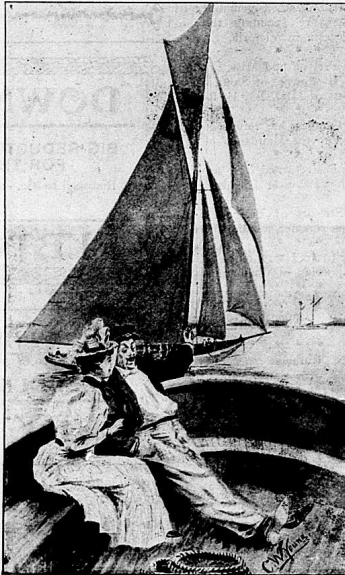
If you go to the right you go wrong. But in walking along 'tis a different case,

To the right it is right you should bear,

To the left should be left enough of free space

For the person you chance to meet there.

That the method of passing to the left is better than the American method of keeping to the right should be self-evident to anyone who handles the ribbons. The driver sitting on the right side of the vehicle can drive in a crowded thoroughfare with much greater skill if the critical point be right beneath his eye than if it be out sight on the other side of the rig.



MIDSUMMER DELIGHTS.

—The Industrious Meter:

A correspondent complains of the water meter, alleging that though there was no appreciable difference in the quantities used in June and July, the meter shows him to have used almost ten times as much in July as in June. The result of this is that his usual water rate is doubled for July.

Andrew Hackett, formerly a resident of Grand Forks, admits that he has located coal and oil claims in the East Kootenay for 320 persons. Each of these 320 of course demands the special consideration of the Government by virtue of having endured the hazards and privations of the prospector's lot.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

The School Board of Victoria is in a serious quandary because of the overcrowding of the schools, and like the old lady who lived in a shoe, "they have so many children they don't know what to do." This condition of affairs is not the fault of the trustees, but of the ratepayers, who regardless of the warning that more accommodation was urgently needed, voted down a by-law for a new and most necessary school. Then recourse was had to the Council of Public Instruction, who were asked to limit the attendance of children in the primary classes to half a day, so that the present school accommodation might be sufficient. The Council of Public Instruction has quite properly refused the

request. If the people of Victoria are too mean to supply schools enough for their children, they do not deserve to have any increase of population. It is, besides, a poor advertisement for the city and is not calculated to give outsiders a good opinion of the place.—Vancouver Ledger.

JUST A FEW SCISSORETTES

Sandiland's Treat.—"E. M. Sandiland treated us on Thursday to some black cherries grown in Kaslo which for size and flavor beat California and the Palouse."—Sandon Standard.

Poetry and Prose.—"Love in a cottage is like New Denver. Beautiful but not very filling at meal hours."—New Denver Ledger.

Politely Hopeful.—"While the shooting might show improvement, the enthusiasm was sufficient to warrant better efforts for the future."—Kamloops Standard.

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That it pays to put up a good show has been clearly illustrated this week. The programmes at both the Grand and the Crystal being better than usual and the crowds attending correspondingly large. The extra cost must be much more than counterbalanced by the increased receipts. The fact that on a beautiful summer evening two houses of the size of these mentioned can be crowded with eager patrons is plain evidence that the people of Victoria are ready to reward the best no matter when it comes. The Grand opens as usual with an illustrated song by Frederick Roberts, "The Sergeant and the Dove" being particularly effective both in its rendering and in the illustrations. "The Bold Mr. Timid" by Charles Le Witt and Mabel Ashmore is a most laughable absurdity. The Marvellous Malcoms, boy and girl, do some very clever work in globe rolling; the finale, in which the young lady gives the butterfly skirt performance while balancing herself on a rolling globe, is exceedingly clever and beautiful, the changing colors thrown on the performer by the projector giving a very brilliant effect. The sketch by Gilmore and Le Moyne is both clever and amusing, the musical part both instrumental and vocal being excellent. Of the singing of the three Cox's too much cannot be said; the boy especially having a fine voice and using it well. The entirely novel moving pictures conclude a programme in which there is not one dull moment. "The Little Place that I Call Home" is the illustrated song at the Petit Crystal, and sung by Mr. Kellogg was very pleasing, the illustrations being beautiful and appropriate. The impersonation and mimicking by Harry Howard is one of the cleverest things put on in Victoria for a long time. The Divine Johnson first charms with "her" beautiful appearance and singing, and then amuses with her sudden metamorphosis. Robert Nome, the king of musicians, rhymes cleverly and plays on several different instruments, the most novel of which is the nosophone, an instrument played by the nose instead of the mouth. The Helm children are wondrous for their age, the little fellow only five years old, acting like a veteran. Together they danced and sang and did funny things to the intense amusement of the audience. The moving pictures show the complete ceremony and procession at the coronation of King Edward, concluding a show which is above the average in quality and general interest.

Robert Lorraine is to support Herbert Keley and Effie Shannon in "Taps" which the Shuberts bring to New York early in September. It is, as before related in this column, a military play from the German, and reported to be well worthy of the good people engaged for it. It will be pleasant news to those who regretted the small opportunities for Miss Shannon in "Sherlock Holmes" to learn that in "Taps" she has abundant opportunity to display her quality. Her role is of the same type as Margaret in "La Boumifol" in which she achieved perhaps her very best success. Mr. Keley also is well fitted.

Wagonwheels & Kemper are investing their usual \$30,000 in mounting "Salambo," which Kathryn Kidder and Frederick Warde are to take out this season. The scenes of the play are intended to reflect the pomp and extravagance of ancient Carthage. Mr. Warde enacting the part of the barbarian warrior Matho and Miss Kidder, Salambo priestess of the moon goddess. Mr. Warde announces that this will be his farewell tour as an actor, it being his intention thereafter to adopt the lecture platform.



Jane Corcoran.

George H. Broadhurst is writing a musical farce in which Isadore Rush will be starred under the management of Fisher & Ryley. Other attractions that this firm will have on tour next season include a new play taken from the French of "Le Sire De Vergy," a revival of "San Toy," with James T. Powers featured; "Glittering Gloria," which will include Victoria in its route; a "Florodora" company with Edna Wallace Hopper as its headliner; and a new "Silver Slipper" company.

Herr Adolph Freimuth has returned from Dawson, where he is the most popular musician who has yet gone in. Herr Freimuth will spend some weeks here and with friends in neighbor cities, proceeding thereafter to Germany to visit his parents and make a deeper study of his favorite instrument under the world's best masters.

N. C. Goodwin has completed his arrangements for securing the new play by Edmond Rostand, author of "Cyrano de Bergerac," paying \$5,000 in advance royalties. It will be remembered that the first intimation of his intention to secure this play was given in this column some months ago.

Mary Manning, here last season with "Harriet's Honeymoon" in private life the wife of James K. Hackett, is forced by illness to cancel her early engagements for next season. She was to have gone on tour in a revival of "The Stubbornness of Gereldine."

Manager Jamieson of the Grand was in Seattle this week attending an important meeting of vaudeville managers.

at which the improvement of quality of the circuit shows was the topic of debate.

By the addition of a few new bookings, the opening of the season at The Victoria is hastened. It is now announced that L. R. Stockwell is to have the honor, on the evening of the 31st instant.

Rumor has it that Kubelick, urged by his wife, will shortly retire from the concert stage. Probably he will not overlook a few years' farewell touring before he does make the plunge, however.

William Gillette's new play, on which he has been working during the past two years, is called "Clarice." At the end of the season of "The Admirable Crichton," he will give the new play a trial in London.

Maude Adams will be starred next season in a new play of western American life bearing the unique title "Sunday."

Perez Galdos, termed the Spanish Ibsen, has made a stir in Paris, his "Electra" being the most notable tragedy of late production.

Vancouver now has a weekly paper devoted to dramatic affairs and known as "The Stage."

Charles Frohman has arranged with Israel Zangwill to write a new comedy for Maude Adams.

Beebloom Tree is to appear in London next autumn as Caliban in "The Tempest," Viola Tree enacting the role of Ariel.

Stuart Robson (Henry W. Stuart) left a net estate of \$23,483, although reputed one of the wealthiest actors in the world.

Sir Henry Irving will open his next season's American tour in San Francisco.

Edna May has given up musical comedy for straight comedy.

Harry Lindley, the venerable comedian, is playing in Hamilton, Ont.

ODDS AND ENDS OF SPORT.

To-morrow local hunters will repair to the Victoria Gun Club grounds at Langford Plains there to take part in or watch the competition for the Peden Cup and other prizes. Anyone who handles a shooting iron whether a member of the club or not is cordially invited to take part. As there are no entrance fees and the prizes are very valuable there should be a large number of entries from all sorts and conditions of sportsmen. The silver cup given by Mr. Peden will be won by the man who gets the most out of thirty birds and will be the property of the winner. As shooting will commence at 10.30 those going should take the nine o'clock train so that they may miss none of the fun. Many of the wives and families of contestants intend going so that a jolly good time is sure to be spent. The following prizes have been awarded:

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Seattle is playing the Victoria C. C. eleven at the latter's ground today.

A second eleven of the Victoria cricket club is playing at Shawnigan Lake, to-day.

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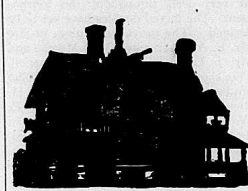
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Frederick Courtney Selous, one of the most noted hunters and big game authorities of modern times, spent two days in the city last week, prior to his departure by the Princess Beatrice for Dawson. He will there join Mr. J. B. Tyrell and party and proceed up the Stewart river in search of moose, caribou and ovis dalli or Arctic sheep. He will return here in October and as he has a cousin in Nelson will probably visit the Kootenay country en route east and home. Mr. Selous' reputation as a hunter of big game is world-wide. The field of his sport has almost exclusively been South Africa. He first went there in 1871 at the age of 20, where he remained until 1892, elephant hunting and collecting specimens of natural history. He took part in the Matabele war, and is the author of a number of valuable works relating to adventure and travel in the land of the Zulu and Matabele. "As a lad," said Mr. Selous, to a Vancouver World reporter, "I was particularly fond of hunting stories and books of travel. After reading Gordon Cumming's and Baldwin's stories of hunting in Africa and how they made their living by hunting, I made up my mind that that was the life for me. In 1871 (when twenty years of age) I left England for South Africa. In the following year I went to Matabeleland, and from that time until 1890 I travelled continuously all over South and Central Africa, making a living by hunting. Elephant hunting, of course, was the most remunerative, the ivory bringing good prices. There was very rarely a white man with me. I have been as long as six months at a time without ever seeing a white man.

"After a time I was able to speak one African language fluently and two others partially, so that I got to feel quite at home in the company of the blacks." In reply to a question, "Did you ever have any difficulty with the natives?" he said: "Oh, yes, but that's too long a story. Exciting adventures with wild beasts? Indeed I had, but it would take too long to relate them. My publications, 'A Hunter's Wanderings in Africa,' published in 1881, and 'Travel and Adventure in Southeast Africa,' published in 1893, will answer those questions. When elephants became scarcer I made

able in getting them in tip-top condition. It is always a difficult matter to single out any individual performance, but F. A. Macrae certainly stands forth as the champion of the tournament, being in the finals of the singles, doubles and mixed doubles. In the finals of the men's singles he ran against the great Bernie Schwengers and after a very game struggle came out ahead, the sets standing 4-6 4-6 3-6 0-6 2 in his favor. The doubles went to Macrae and Leeming after a good struggle with the Schwengers brothers. The finals in the ladies' singles went to Miss Futcher, who is a young and promising player. She will no doubt render a good account of herself in future tournaments. Miss Wilson, her opponent in the finals, played very well throughout the tournament. The mixed doubles have yet to be decided. The pairs remaining in are Mr. F. A. Macrae and Miss Macrae and Mr. J. Leeming and Miss Shrapnell. This should be a very good game. The brothers Schwenger, J. Leeming, E. H. Russell, J. N. Cran, L. Solly and E. W. C. Hilton all played good tennis in the men's singles. In the ladies' singles, besides Miss Futcher, Miss W. Wilson, Miss Macrae and Mrs. Hilton did very well. It would take too long to enumerate the different players and games, but suffice to say that the tournament was a great success, a vote of thanks being due to Archdeacon Scriven, who presented the prizes, and by the same token is still an active tennis player; also, to the committee who so creditably ran the tournament.

"Contrary to general opinion," says the Telegram, "the Portland Rowing Club and the club's coaches are satisfied with the style of stroke pulled by the crew; it is not so good to look at, but far more powerful than the stroke pulled by Victoria, the so-called 'Canadian stroke.' However, boat races are won more often by the 'man behind the oar' than the style of stroke. * * * A majority of Canadian clubs use the same stroke as that pulled by Portland, chief among them being the famous Winnipeggs, who have repeatedly defeated the best crews in America, and have made the best showing of any crews ever sent from this side of the Atlantic at Henley, and the stroke is also pulled

it is very likely that there will be some yacht races held there at the end of August and if such is the case Victoria will be represented by Gweno, whose owners intend taking a cruise about that time.

The King's prize, which Pte. Perry of Vancouver has just landed at Bisle, consists of £250 cash, the gift of the King, and the N.R.A. gold medal and badge. The competition is shot for at ranges, 200, 500, 600, 800, 900 and 1,000 yards. The first stage consists of seven shots at the ranges, including and up to 600 yards, and the first 300 shoot in the second stage. In 1895 the prize, which was then called the Queen's prize, was won by a Canadian, Private Hayhurst, of Hamilton, 13th Regiment. On only one other occasion has it been won by a rifleman outside the United Kingdom. That was in 1890, when Private Prialux of Guernsey carried it off. Prialux's scores were as follows:

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2nd stage, twenty shots at 600 yards.			
yards. 92			
3rd stage, ten shots at each range.			
800	900	1,000	Total
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The fact that girls as well as boys should become proficient swimmers as early in life as possible, seems to be understood by the young folk of Victoria, in evidence of which the following is found in a very recent issue of the Colonist: "The Misses Sargison, Straith and Griffin have qualified for first-class swimming certificates. Miss Sargison enjoys the distinction of being the first young lady to obtain the above. For years it has been considered impossible for a girl to pass the tests required as they are exactly the same as those the sterner sex is submitted to. Miss Madge Griffin is the youngest holder of the certificate of either sex. She is only seven years of age. She received her first lesson in swimming when barely five years old and is apparently tireless in the water now. Marshall Henderson, a

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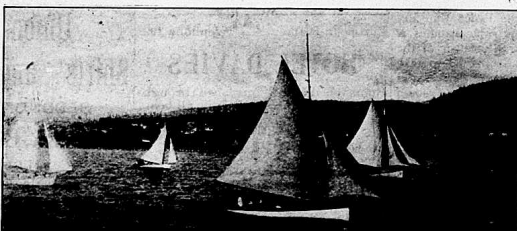
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This is Mr. Selous' first visit to the Canadian Rockies, though he visited Canada in 1897 and again in 1898. In 1897, accompanied by his wife, he attended the meeting of the British Association in Toronto. Before returning home he and Mrs. Selous visited the American Rockies, camping out for four months at an altitude of 10,500 feet. At that time he was in search of elk and mule deer, and was very successful. In the winter he again visited the same region.

The third annual handicap tournament of the James Bay Tennis Club was held at the club grounds on Kingston street last week. Play commenced on Monday, 25th, and continued throughout the week, the finals being played on Saturday, the 26th ult. The clerk regulating the events was in a fairly genial mood and the opening was most auspicious, numbers dropping in during the day to witness the tennis which was first class in every respect; the courts this year played very true and have considerably improved since last season, the committee being indefatig-

able by most of the American clubs. Victoria rows to win, trains to win, and the strongest material in the club is put on the crew, and it is considered an honor and not a favor to row for the club. Victoria is a provincial town, her men row together for years, while Portland, being a commercial city, sends her best young men over the Northwest in quest of business and to represent her interests, and it is seldom that the same faces are seen in a crew two successive years."

Last Saturday the fourth of the Victoria Yacht Club series of races took place, starting from Pearlina rock at 3 o'clock with a light breeze from the southwest. The cruiser class composed of Gweno, Dorothy, White Cap and Pathfinder crossed the line in a bunch, Pathfinder with a slight lead which was soon lost as Gweno ran to windward and blanketed her. After rounding Broche Ledge Gweno had a long lead from all her opponents which she continued to increase to the Royal Roads buoy; the wind dropping and a strong flood time made it difficult to round this mark, but after doing so the tide and a tussle did the rest and Gweno crossed the finishing line with about 25 minutes to spare on the time limit, the other boats giving up the race. In the racing class Dione had it all her own way against Marietta and Oneida, and although the start was ten minutes later than the cruiser class, she managed to overhaul and pass all but Gweno. From information received from Bellingham

boy of nine years, is also a graduate this year. He started three years ago and possesses truly wonderful power in tacking and carrying a living subject in the water."

Ideal cricket was what the spectators witnessed at the Victoria grounds on Saturday last when Victoria defeated Vancouver in the first innings, the second not being completed. The game was by far the best of the season for at the conclusion there was only two runs between the two teams. Of course the Yorks did a good deal of the work for the home team, though Cobbett's score of 28 was a very creditable showing, only Swinton and Howe besides these getting into double figures. Of the Vancouverites Senkler and Walton did most of the work with the bat. With the ball, Crossfield and Rigby divided honors evenly as did also Binns and Gooch for Victoria. The even playing of these teams should create a good deal of interest in the English game. The score in the single innings was Victoria, 147; Vancouver, 145.

Observes the Manitoba Free Press: "Hon. J. M. Gibson, who is president of the Dominion Rifle Association, is very enthusiastic over Private Perry's great achievement at Bisle. Mr. Gibson says the association will do everything possible to ensure a great welcome for Perry in Toronto, and at any other point where a demonstration in his honor is contemplated. He believes the Do-

minion Government will be prepared to do something handsome for the prizewinner."

Fishing for black cod is the reigning amusement of local knights of the rod, pending the arrival of the salmon and the busy season of the trollers. Of course the cod is not a rival to the trout or the black bass as a game fish. But his weight tells sometimes. Dragging a hook with a piece of white cloth on the surface of the water in the evening, or using a light-hued fly—white moth preferably—does the trick.

Now that Westminster has humbled Vancouver at Westhall, the nine of the Royal City is talking valiantly of coming over to add Victoria's scalps to its collection. Let 'em come! If Victoria can't trim them there is a lot of good capital money will go with the vanished hope.

Yacht Widewake, with Miss Ethel Hodson at the helm, won the ladies' race under the auspices of the Vancouver Yacht Club last Saturday.

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