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Recently the approaches to Oak Bay beach have been decorated with unsightly notices bearing the name of a prominent realty firm which apparently owns the greater portion of the land in this locality, by which all and sundry visitors are warned that trespassers upon the beach above high water mark will be prosecuted with all the rigors of the law, unless they shall have first obtained a permit from the firm in question.

As it is impossible to reach the beaches—which here as well as elsewhere have come to be looked upon as a portion of the public heritage for which tired sojourners in the city, worn mothers and fresh-air seeking little folks have been devoutly thankful—without passing from the road to them over property that, although unfenced and unoccupied, is yet above high water mark, the prohibition may be taken as virtually a cancellation of the use by the public of the few conveniently available beaches in the vicinity of the city. This is cause for genuine regret on the part of citizens, not only by reason of their own lost pleasure, but because such a prohibition must operate prejudicially to the efforts that are being constantly put forth to attract tourists hither.

It is to be hoped that on patriotic grounds the property owners interested will voluntarily remove the notices—and with them the prohibition.

Random Reflections

THE G. T. P. terminus seems to be still in Hays. * * *

THE true "Stuckle spirit" has apparently straggled Vancouver. * * *

ROSH HASHONO was here last week. He is not a Japanese general. * * *

WHEN it comes to sliding for bases, Kurapat has Bernard Schwengers fadded to a finish. * * *

IT IS denied that the Czar will go to the front. The front is coming to him quite fast enough. * * *

IT MUST have been somebody jealous of Private Perry, who arranged that hold-up on the C. P. R. * * *

ONLY one week more to Fall—that is Autumn, not the Fall of Port Arthur memories. * * *

IT IS officially announced that the Russians hold Tie pass. That accounts for their habit of tramping on. * * *

THE police who are chasing those highwaymen sympathize with Kurapat in "regretting to report," etc. * * *

PREMIER McBRIDE says he has had a successful hunting trip. But he doesn't make it quite clear what he was hunting. * * *

OSCAR LUCAS of the "Times" staff enjoys the unique distinction of having a wife who is a typographical error. * * *

IF THERE was a railway commission in the Orient, the Russians would undoubtedly be complained to that the Japanese have been over-charging. * * *

COLONIST wouldn't have minded reproof for its saffron fisheries yarn by the Liberal papers—but to be spanked

by the News-Advertiser! That was too much. * * *

Spreading the Tenderloin.

High-Handed Proceedings of One Landlord Invites Official Cognizance.

The attention of "Progress" has been directed to an indignant protest—by residents of lower Herald street who do not desire to see their portion of the town converted into a local Whitechapel—against the widening sphere of operations of a certain hotel proprietor, who has already a considerable number of structures reared for uses that will not bear investigation, and who is now rapidly increasing his holdings to be similarly utilized, between Government and Store streets on Herald. It is openly charged, and by persons whose sources of information are undoubtedly too reliable for them to be mistaken, that this particular property owner is engaged in the making of wholesale profits out of vice. Not content with the operation of an hotel, that is the resort of dissolute women and worse men, he is adding houses of vice and introducing the disgraceful "cribs" of Seattle and Portland, in considerable number; while as for the male attaches of the disreputable women who are his tenants—they are informed that they must board at and secure patronage for his hotel or receive "the blue paper" of vice. For one in such a business to assume a power to utilize the machinery of the police in furthering his scheme is going a trifle too far for complacent observation. If the police committee disclaim responsibility or jurisdiction, perhaps the licensing commissioners might have a little influence. "Progress" stands prepared to give them information of a more specific character at any time they may desire it.

—An Old Friend Again:
 An old, old friend—the ever faithful sea serpent—last officially reported as assisting in the operation of the Pacific cable in the vicinity of Bamfield Creek, has transferred his headquarters to the coast of Panama. According to Midshipman Bell-Syer and Clerk Lloyd, to whom the vision was repeatedly vouchsafed, his mighty snakeship was chiefly remarkable for an immense head, somewhat equine in outline and proportions; glaring eyes (presumably fiery and awe-inspiring), and six feet of tapering body visible on the surface of the water. There are no summer resorts in Panama requiring novel advertising, which makes the sea serpent's reasons for locating there a trifle vague and shadowy.

—Fall Fair Notes:
 Secretary Swinerton of the B. C. Agricultural Association states that entries are pouring in and everything indicates that the fair will be an immense success. Entries for exhibits close on September 20. "The Pierrots," who have been giving performances at the Dallas hotel, have been engaged, and they will give their charming entertainment each afternoon and evening during the progress of the exhibition. The E. & N. Railway Company is arranging a cheap excursion from island points as far north as Comox. The miners' drilling contest promises to be a feature of unusual interest. Spaces are now being allotted for the various exhibitors in the main hall. The attractive commercial fruit exhibit will be found just to the right of the main entrance.

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The Grand Trunk Pacific

Facts Bearing on the Terminal Question—Victoria's Opportunity.

The topic of the week has been the probable terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The visiting directors of the company have come and gone, and have been exceedingly frank in their declarations as to the absence of any decision. It is said on the street that they have already reached a decision, and are simply holding it back from the public to enable them to accomplish some undefined object, but this is absurd upon the face of it. The people, as a rule will accept the very definite statement of Mr. Hays to the Citizens' Committee that waited upon him. After a discussion, which extended over the greater part of two hours, one of the committee said:

"Then, Mr. Hays, we may consider the question of terminus still an open one, and that you will consider any further arguments that may be presented."

Mr. Hays replied:
 "This is an open question, and we shall be very glad to consider anything further than you can suggest. The points that you have brought to my notice are very important, and cannot be lightly dismissed. I am sorry that Mr. Allan was not here to hear what has already been advanced."

This may be taken as representing the actual state of the case, and in view of the public a brief statement of some of the considerations that will govern the company in fixing the terminus. To avoid misapprehension it may be added that what follows is simply deduced from the statements of Mr. Hays and his associates made more or less publicly.

The determining factor in the choice of a terminus will be the character of the approach from the ocean. The participation in existing business is a matter which the company will not lose sight of, but as this can be secured with more or less facility by the construction of branch railways or by putting on lines of steamers, it naturally takes a place subordinate to the others. The prime object of the company seems to be to construct a railway across the continent by means of its easy grades and curves will be able to handle traffic with a maximum of facility and a minimum of expense. The effort of all railways that can afford it is to improve the character of their lines. The Canadian Pacific is doing it; so is the Great Northern; so is the old Grand Trunk; so are many other lines. The Grand Trunk Pacific will be located by the light cast upon the handling of traffic by more than a quarter of a century's experience by the great transcontinental railways. Harbors suitable for a terminus on the Western Coast of Canada are not lacking, but the route which will best meet the object aimed at by the company, has yet to be determined. The company has a great deal of information at its disposal but the several directors who were in Victoria all said that the information was not yet sufficient to warrant a decision. Speaking upon the choice of a route, Mr. Hays said that if he had five years in which to build a railway he would prefer to spend three of them in surveys, rather than, as has been the case with the other transcontinental lines, have the construction parties treading on the heels of the engineers and pressing them for work.

As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link so a railway alignment is no easier than its most difficult portions. On the long haul the grades and curves must be such as will render the handling of traffic as easy and cheap as possible. Hence the new principle in the location of great trunk railways is not to diverge from an easy alignment between its principal termini and select a more difficult route because the local traffic along the latter may be greater; but to make the trunk line where the cost of handling traffic will be least, and serve adjacent localities by branch lines, on which the motive power can be adjusted to meet the character of the road and the amount of business. This

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is the principle which the experience of all the great American railways has shown to be the only correct one.

In regard to the character of the approach from the ocean, it goes without saying that a port with a safe approach has advantages over one that is more dangerous. On this point Mr. Hays dwelt very strongly upon the absolute necessity of a complete hydrographic survey of the British Columbia coast, a point upon which, as the readers of this paper may remember, great stress has been laid in these columns.

In regard to existing traffic and business to be developed along the new railway, it may be stated with confidence that the Grand Trunk people are very fully informed on this point. They realize that one of their aims must be to secure a share of the business now done here and of that which will be developed by the opening of Vancouver Island, but they frankly say that the best manner in which to do this remains to be determined. A line of steamships between Victoria and a northerly terminus of the transcontinental lines would do this to some extent and would possess the advantage during the summer of supplying a link in the most magnificent tourist route in the world. A round trip from, say, Montreal, over the G. T. P., then down to Victoria by steamer, then back to Montreal by the C. P. R. and the Great Lakes would not only be unsurpassed for majestic beauty but would be unsurpassable.

In any further efforts made by the people of this city to secure the desired terminus the above considerations must be kept in mind.

Among the reasons, which it is hoped will influence the company in reaching a decision favorable to Victoria, is the fact that if the railway is brought to Vancouver Island, two points of departure will be available. One of these is Victoria, which for the purposes of the Mexican, South American and Australian trade is more favorably situated than any other point that can be chosen, and for the purpose of the Oriental trade has no inconsiderable advantage over any of the ports now used by transcontinental railways. The other point is Quatsino Sound, where, if the company so desires, a terminal can be reached, which will have from thirty-six to forty-eight hours advantage over any port reached by way of the Strait of Juan Juan de Fuca, and will probably be found, taking one season with another, more convenient and safer than any port reached by way of Dixon's Entrance.

Until the company has decided upon the pass through the Rocky Mountains which the line will follow, it is impossible to compare land routes as to length with even a close approximation; but a few figures may be given, which cast a little light on the subject. If the Yellow Head Pass is chosen, the distance from the Pass to Quatsino Sound will be 710 miles, to Victoria 796 miles. These are measured distances. We have not the measured distance to Port Simpson, but estimate that it is certainly not less than 600 miles and probably nearer 700. If the Pine River or the Peace River Pass should be chosen, the distance to Vancouver Island points would be increased as compared with Port Simpson. In other words, speaking within limitations, the further north the mountains are entered the shorter will be the distance to Port Simpson as compared with Vancouver Island points. Nevertheless it is submitted that the greater length of the land line might, if satisfactory grades and curvatures can be obtained, be offset by the superior advantages of Victoria and Quatsino Sound as ocean termini as compared with any port reached by way of Dixon's Entrance, by the greater traffic-producing capacity of the southerly

route, by the central position of Victoria as respects existing and future business, and by substantial assistance to compensate the company for the extra land construction. In other words, as "Progress" looks at the matter, the chief obstacles in the way of Victoria's ambition are the extra mileage and the difficulties presented by a route down to Bute Inlet from an engineering point of view. If the latter can be satisfactorily overcome, it is very probable that the former would not be insurmountable, because the question would then come down to one of terms.

For these reasons, "Progress" is of the opinion that the chief point at which the people of Victoria should aim is to induce the company to take up the route to the Islands seriously. If the company is to be asked to deviate from its original intention, and bring its line to Vancouver Island, in the first instance, it will probably be necessary to present something more than argument.

This is putting the matter very plainly, but there is no use in shutting our eyes to the facts. The company has contracted with the government of Canada to build a railway by the shortest route across the continent from Winnipeg. This is not stated in so many words, but it is the essence of the contract as understood not only in Parliament but by the Grand Trunk shareholders. If we expect to have this plan changed, we must expect to present some consideration for the change.

Mr. Hays, President of the Grand Trunk Pacific, was interviewed while in Victoria by the Citizens Committee opened several weeks ago to present the claims of the city to be made a terminus. Mr. Morse, First Vice-President was also present. The Committee consisted of His Worship Mayor Barnard, and Messrs. S. J. Pitts, President of the Board of Trade, D. R. Ker, C. H. Lugin and H. Cuthbert, Secretary of the Tourist Association. The Mayor

opened the interview by requesting Mr. Lugin to speak for the Committee. Mr. Lugin then in an informal way addressed Mr. Hays for about half an hour, going over the various arguments familiar to Victorians in this connection. Mr. Hays asked questions frequently, and appeared to be specially desirous of ascertaining the character of the Island, which he said appeared from the steamer to be largely made up of a mountain range, presenting great difficulties in the way of railway construction. The various available routes by which the Island can be opened by rail were fully explained to him. After Mr. Lugin had outlined the case, the conversation became general and continued for more than an hour, the matter being gone into in all its aspects. Mr. Hays laid great emphasis upon the determination of his company to secure the best possible line. He drew attention to the fact that the mountain ranges decrease in elevation towards the North, and said that his company did not wish to make the mistake made by others and needlessly climb mountains. He said that the G. T. P. will pass over what growing lands for almost its entire length between Winnipeg and the mountains, and hence if it can secure an easy line to the Coast, its ability to develop traffic will be vastly greater than that enjoyed by lines less favorably located. He said that he was familiar with the Marcus Smith survey by way of Bute Inlet, and that it did not show a line which his company would feel warranted in following with such information as they had at present at hand. He asked if Victoria had exhausted itself in its gifts to the G. T. P., adding that arguments backed by substantial considerations were always the most weighty. He spoke of the great need of hydrographic surveys of the coast, and of the extensive surveys already made by his company upon the Mainland. The interview concluded with the question and answer above quoted.

A NEW COMPOSER

By Hugh Kennedy.

"All that we call sacred history," Emerson declares, "attests that the birth of a poet is the principal event in chronology." Just so, just so. But sacred history suspended publication long since, and if it were still running serially, its birth column for poets would have been sadly gruelled for matter in recent issues. Modern civilization does not favor the poet. Steam engines and rapid fire guns crowd him somewhat. The tone of the other hand is not affected by such noisy devices. He flourishes as civilization advances—not that the birth of a composer now ranks as one of the principal events in chronology. That estimate, blessed you, is still reserved for the birth of a Czarovich or the slaughter of a regiment. But undoubtedly the old world pricks its ears at the name of a new composer, and just at present its ears are on the alert for the sound of a name that promises to add one to the list of immortals.

Gabriel Dupont is the latest to grow famous over night. He is the winner of the famous Sonzogno competition with its encumbrance of \$10,000. The award is for the best opera submitted, and of the 237 new operas passed upon this year, Dupont's "La Cabrera" ("The Shepherdess") was the unanimous choice of the international jury and of the public of Milan. The work will be performed at the Opera Comique, in Paris, next April, and, judging from the enthusiasm of European notices it will rival in popularity that other prize winner of 1890—Cavalleria Rusticana.

The Milan correspondent of the New York Musical Courier praises the libretto equally with the opera. The story is very simple and very sad. Pedrito and Amalia, two Spanish villagers, are engaged lovers. The war with the United States calls Pedrito away and Amalia is left unprotected. She is betrayed and then abandoned by Juan Cheppa, the rich man of the village. Pedrito, on his return, learns what has happened and curses Amalia. She, deserted, mocked at by her companions, and with no means of support, goes away with her child to struggle elsewhere for a living. The second part of the opera presents the quarrel of Pedrito and the cowardly Cheppa, and finally, the return of poor Amalia. Four months of privation and suffering have brought her to death's door. Pedrito has pity on her. She reproaches him for his unhappy story and expires in his arms, forgiven.

"The music," says the correspondent, "is sighed out from beginning to end, and the interlude alone is sufficient to show the talent of Dupont. It will make him famous."

The story of Dupont's life is the usual one of struggle with poverty, and, in this case, with ill health. He studied at the Paris Conservatoire with Widor and Massenet from the age of fifteen, but had achieved no unusual success before composing "La Cabrera." So unwavering, however, was the confidence of M. Widor in his pupil that he not only continued his instruction but furnished the means for the invalid composer to spend a year in Italy. It was Widor, too who rehearsed the opera for its production at the Teatro Lirico, Milan. His devotion was fittingly rewarded by the extraordinary success of his pupil.

The Door's Dual Duty.—A door has been cut in the side of the fire hall to admit the new hose reel and protect it from the weather.—Moyie Leader.

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MR. HARRISS' LETTER.

Eloquent in Praise of Mr. Harriss, But Not Quite to the Point.

In all the papers of Victoria, Mr. Charles A. E. Harriss of Ottawa has commented caustically upon a paragraph recently published in these columns anent the proposals for another musical festival here and the connection of the Arion Club therewith. The objectionable paragraph which Mr. Harriss quoted was the following:

"It is understood that Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Mr. C. A. E. Harriss have declined the offer of the Arion Club for co-operation for the contemplated Musical Festival, which was that the club should cancel its third concert and assist in the festival without share in the receipts, but merely for recognition of active and associate members. The promoters of the festival are looking for money, and declined. There is a very general suspicion that Mr. Harriss and his associates find a considerable profit in utilizing the amateurs throughout the festival territory."

Mr. Harriss' reply consists of twenty lines that are to the point, and a half column of laudatory reference to Mr. Charles A. E. Harriss, his philanthropy, his great work in the cause of music, his ambitions as a public benefactor, etc. The lines that are to the point read:

"(1) Sir Alexander Mackenzie has absolutely nothing whatever to do with the deciding of the choral forces taking part in these festivals, inaugurated by me. (2) I did not decline the kind offices of the Arion Club; the Arion Club declined my proposition which I made in their best interests and in the interest of the musical development of British Columbia. (3) I am not looking (as you say) 'for more money,' neither have I ever asked a single person for aid in this matter, but if I am to include British Columbia in the second cycle I cannot bear all the cost, as I did upon a former occasion, much as I would like to do so were I able, and which I am not able to do."

As a matter of simple fact it is not in the least material whether or not Sir Alexander Mackenzie has ought to do with the deciding of the choral forces taking part. As to the Arion Club: Mr. Harriss assuredly is of short memory or could not have referred to his correspondence on the subject. He simply ignored the original proposition of the Arion Club, which was unmistakably in the interest of music apart from monetary consideration, making instead a counter proposition that the club could not accept. Upon receipt of this counter proposal, the club asked him to reply to their original proposition, and he answered that he could not accept it. Mr. Harriss' proposition was that the Arion Club should shoulder all local expenses and be allowed but 25 per cent. of the receipts. Seventy-five per cent. would go to Mr. Harriss and the half-dozen soloists whom he would bring. There was a verbal suggestion as to his also bringing a complete orchestra, but it will be remembered that on a former occasion, Mr. Harriss' proposal was that he should bring not only soloists but the complete Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra failed to materialize. As Mr. Harriss declares himself ready to contribute handsomely for the good of music and devoid of all special consideration for the fifty luro, he might explain why it was that he would have nothing to do with the proposition of the Arion Club, which was all in this direction.

Russell Sage has got 176 millions of dollars, and is not satisfied, for at 88 he is still doing business. He did not make any of it in the newspaper business, although with his pile a man would be safe in starting another daily in Nelson.

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THE WEEK'S SENSATION.

Still No Definite Information As To Canadian Pacific Hold-up Men.

Last Saturday evening while the delayed west-bound express on the C.P.R. was running the final stage of its trans-continent trip, a party of three masked highwaymen successfully held it up, and secured no less than \$7,000 in gold dust from the custody of the express messenger, besides an indefinite amount in registered letters from the mail clerks. The story of how the unparalleled—in Canada—crime was committed, has been fully told and re-told by the daily press. The highwaymen were far from amateurs. They evidently possessed very specific knowledge as to the operation of the C.P.R. trains, and were advised of the expected receipt on that particular train of a considerable sum of money consigned to this city. Not forgetting any of the little details, they had tapped the wire, and succeeded in getting a fraudulent message delivered at Mission to the express messenger, requesting to be from the train despatcher at Vancouver, informing him that the express company's inspector would board the train en route in to Vancouver, and desiring him to have his safe open and everything in order to facilitate a quick inspection. The highwaymen did not flag or stop the train. They apparently concealed themselves on the buffers behind the locomotive, tender during the stop for water at Mission, crawling over the tender and making prisoners of the engineer and fireman as the train was under way. Their thoroughly professional control of the train and the systematic manner in which they performed the robbery confirm the view that the perpetrators of the outrage were old hands—quite possibly the same that have been operating recently in the Western States. And they would seem to have effectually made good their escape with the plunder, for while many stories are told in the papers as to the police having them surrounded, etc., etc., it is the fact that the officers are completely in the dark, and have but three substantial clues to work upon—knowledge that the leader of the gang was an old man with a peculiar voice; that he had been expected Victoria remittance of a well known of; and the fact that one at least of the trio was an operator with knowledge of the telegraphic work on the western end of the C.P.R.

COSTLY SPORT.

Apropos of sporting, rather an amusing contretemps befel one local hunter last evening of mention. This being the time of year when the merry piping of the rifle is heard in the chicken coops, a worthy farmer for safe keeping had removed the pride of his barnyard—a Pekin gander—to a distant lake. Everything comes to him who waits (no time limit); an enthusiastic sportsman spied the Honker and laid him low. The gun being as old a design as the bird, in the recoil the Honker backward over a log spraining his ankle as he fell. Breathing a few soft nothings under his breath, finding his dog firmly refused duty he plunged into the crested wave and bore his spoil to shore, in the journey losing a valuable gold watch also to find the Honker's owner awaiting him using language that rendered the summer air unfit for human use and also to board in a frenzy of fate—that it was no common gander that had fallen to his share but a Pekin prize winner value \$150. Limping sadly home to the partner of his joys and sorrows he laid the ancient and valuable specimen of gooseology at her feet. She roasted it and him, he is now suffering from remorse and—indigestion?

Thoughtful Kindness.

The temporary residents of the Marine Hospital, as well as the authorities of that institution are very grateful to Hon. Captain Tatlow for a fine "invalid's chair" which the Minister has just presented, and which will make many dark hours pass more comfortably to those who will have opportunity to use it.

Bright Local.

The Colonel is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of a bright local writer. Apart altogether from the subject matter of its stories aren't the close salmon season and modern ordnance for the Fifth Regiment, the telling is very entertaining and workmanlike.

Compass and Companion.

Mr. J. C. Voss upon his arrival at London with his world-famed canoe, the Tillikum, reported that his companion Harriman, who took Norman Luxton's place on the long voyage, fell overboard 1,200 miles out from Sydney, carrying with him the only compass the

Tillikum possessed. Mr. Voss navigated thence to St. Helena by the stars.

Free School Books.

The proposal of free school textbooks for the pupils of the Vancouver public schools has been officially endorsed by the trustees of the Terminal City. A special committee, which considered the question of free textbooks, reported, recommending that the Public School Act be amended to give trustees power to purchase textbooks and sell them at cost to pupils attending schools or to furnish them free, provided that a by-law be first submitted to the ratepayers and that a majority be found in favor. Also that the department require all textbooks of authorized texts to furnish to trustees at lowest trade prices all books required by trustees for free distribution or distribution at cost. This report was adopted.

A Holiday Question.

Whether the midsummer vacation should be taken by public school boys and girls in July and August or in September is a matter that is at present receiving the serious consideration of the local board of trustees, having been brought forward by Trustee Boggs, who favors the later date. One of the strong arguments advanced for a change is that many families go camping each summer, and are not at home to the city by the date of the school holidays' termination. It is also pointed out that meteorological department statistics for the past seven years, show that the rainfall is heavier during July and August than during September in this favored city. In defence of the present arrangement of the vacation period it might be pointed out that it embraces the hottest period of the year, during which children have most occasion to be freed from the schoolroom from the standpoint of health maintenance.

Fire Department Affairs.

In response to a letter from Secretary J. G. Elliott of the Board of Fire Underwriters, a conference has been arranged between that body and the Fire Warden of the city—the standing municipal committee in this regard. The meeting is stated to be "matters vitally affecting the question of fire insurance rates in this city," which may very probably be the disorganization and inefficiency of the department, to which repeated reference has been made in these columns, and to which the Fire Warden has shown the utmost indifference. "Progress" has it upon the authority of a leading insurance man of Victoria that his company and others proposed to investigate the charges in connection with fire department affairs, and if these conditions were found as reported (and the insurance man declared that he personally had satisfied himself that they are) it would be quite likely that all insurance risks in Victoria would be refused until reforms were brought about. It is to be hoped that the city council would not wait for such compulsion in what is a self-evident duty.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

It is Best Displayed In the Patronage Of Home Institutions of Merit.

Victoria has—and has had for years—its fair share and a few in spare of the gentlemen who in the Board of Trade meetings and at every other opportunity, discuss learnedly and with voluminous statistics the great need of home manufactures, and the unwisdom of sending abroad for articles that could be produced just as good or a little better here at home. The arguments of these learned platform patriots are incontrovertible. But how about the practice? When so unassuming but enterprising citizen established a manufactory and proceeds to put into effect the fine theories of the champion of home production, does that self-same champion hasten to acquaint his grocer, or his boot-maker, or his tailor, that he wants no more importations—Victoria-made goods are the thing for him.

Well, as a rule he doesn't—and there is the hardest battle for the home manufacturer.

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No one would ask that civic patriotism should outrun business or domestic common-sense. If the home goods are not up to the quality of the imported, or if the prices are excessive in comparison, they cannot expect to gain the market. But when quality, price, freshness, and all other conditions are in favor of the Victoria product, surely it is entitled to first consideration. The oratorical patriot will no doubt agree!

Just a case in point: How many housekeepers on ordering pickles, chut-

neys, table condiments of all kinds, ketchups, vinegars, laundry essentials, etc., from their grocers, take the trouble to insist that it is Victoria good that they must have?

Safe to say not one in a hundred does so.

And yet Victoria enjoys fame throughout the entire province—a fame that overlaps into the Northwest Territories and spreads far beyond the Arctic circle in the Yukon for the quality of her manufactures in these particular lines. Surely it is up to the patriotic consumer to do his part in the development of local manufactures?

Perhaps it is not yet known to everybody that Victoria is a leader in the pickle and condiment trade. Such is the fact. This branch of manufacture was established here more than a score of years ago by Mr. H. J. Brady, and has grown slowly but surely ever since. Six years ago Mr. W. K. Houston became a partner with Mr. Brady, and the Brady-Houston Packing Co. came into existence, acquiring large premises on Johnson street, between Douglas and Blanchard, that are already too restricted for the demands of the growing business.

The company manufactures and deals to the trade in pick condiments and dainty appetite-provokers of every imaginable sort. The famous Wilson-Lytle-Badgerow Co.'s vinegars are also handled for this Western province. The company's specialties, however, are the Brady Worcestershire and the Queen City ketchup, both articles of such quality as to hold the field against all competition on their merits. The ketchup is the original "Old Bar Harbor" brand, which won such popularity years ago that infringements of the name became general all over the province, the Sound country, and even in Oregon and California. There is an old saying that imitation is the sincerest flattery. It wouldn't have been had if the imitation had been of the high-quality goods—but it was only of the label. Now the Brady-Houston Co. have given their celebrated ketchup the name "Queen City," and have duly registered it against frauds. They also retain the old name for purposes of identification, and they have a caution label which means what it says on every neat bottle. The first grade Worcestershire offered to British Columbia epicures is from a formula presented to Mr. Brady by an uncle, years ago, which formula is scrupulously adhered to. It is appetizing in the extreme and particularly wholesome.

The company exploits directly the entire province. Its goods are also sent largely into the Territories and the Yukon by the leading wholesale houses, who find a steady and growing demand for them based on unvarying satisfactory quality. The factory contains upwards of 8,000 square feet of floor space, but this is growing entirely too small for the demands upon it, and enlargement must come in the very near future. Everything required in the business is bought in immense quantities, as for example—and a single illustration will perhaps suffice—there were three tons of pickling cucumbers received at the factory last Saturday alone. It is from the New Westminster district that most of these supplies of vegetables are got. There will be more than fifty tons of cucumbers alone used during the season; an eighty-ton means about 225 large barrels, or between 1,750,000 and 2,000,000 cucumbers.

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A GENERAL ELECTION.

The consensus of opinion is that a general election for Parliament will be held within the next two months. Twice only since Confederation has Parliament been allowed to continue for its full term. Once was in Mackenzie's premiership, and the government was overwhelmingly defeated at the polls. The other occasion was in Tupper's premiership, and the same result followed. Precedent is, therefore, against the expediency of such a course, although why it should be is not very clear. But there are cogent practical reasons for a dissolution at the present time, reasons affecting the welfare of the dominant party, and others affecting the welfare of the whole country. Principal among the latter is the fact that the Liberal party have embarked upon a far-reaching policy of railway construction, and the Conservatives have placed themselves on record as determined to thwart the carrying out of that policy. They present no alternative, or, to state the matter more accurately, they are united upon no alternative proposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given the country a fixed and definite policy. If he is continued in power that policy will be carried out; while if the Conservatives come in we have their formal assurance that their first act will be to annul the Grand Trunk Pacific contract, and substitute something else, upon the nature of which there is everything but agreement among those who may be assumed to have a right to speak for the party. The importance of an early verdict from the electorate upon the Liberal railway policy can hardly be over-estimated. If the verdict is favorable the country can look forward to several years of uninterrupted prosperity, and so long as a doubt remains as to what the verdict will be, public uncertainty as to the immediate future of the country will be inevitable. It is in the public interest it is highly desirable for this, if for no reason, that there should be a declaration by the constituencies as soon as possible. Upon this point there will scarcely be any controversy. Other reasons vary from a public point of view there should be an early dissolution might readily be suggested, but as there might be some difference of opinion respecting them, we shall not speak of them, especially that already given is sufficient of itself.

From the point of view of the Liberal party the present is an exceedingly auspicious time for an election. The country has been enjoying unprecedented prosperity. It is no exaggeration to say that the trade and financial statistics of Canada during the last eight years show a growth and prosperity for which no parallel can be found in the history of this or any other country. Human wisdom cannot forecast the effects upon business which may result from conditions in the Orient, Canada has no mortgage on prosperity, and another year may witness a retrograde movement, especially if there is to be delay in railway construction. Another reason is that the country is in a state of expectancy. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has excited the imagination of the people. They see themselves afloat upon a full tide of progress and the hour is timely to ask their endorsement of his policy.

The electors of British Columbia have a very serious duty cast upon them at this juncture. There never was a more critical period in the history of this province, and there never was a time when a vigorous and outspoken delegation of representatives was more needed in Parliament than at present. British Columbia has never asserted herself in the House of Commons as she should have done. This province has been less heard from on the floors of Parliament than any other province or territory in the Dominion, and yet none of them has a greater claim upon the public treasury or upon the consideration of the whole country. An effort ought to be made to improve the situation in this respect, if it is possible.

Sir Sandford Fleming, at present on a visit to Vancouver Island, is one of Canada's great men. He is now well-advanced in years, but he can look back and say with truth that he has left the impress of his mind upon the progress of his country.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

It is understood that a serious question has arisen between the City of Victoria and the Provincial Government regarding the expense of bringing to this city from Toronto a commercial traveller who, it is alleged, defrauded Mr. John T. Croot, of the firm of Croot, Potts & Bissell, of a considerable sum of money, and by reason of the refusal of the government to meet the costs and the fact that the city has no funds for that purpose, the alleged offender remains safe from arrest. No claim is made that the transaction is not one that should form the subject of criminal proceedings. Admitting for the purposes of this article that a city ought to bear the whole cost of arresting and prosecuting persons charged with having committed crimes within its limits—a proposition upon which there is room for very considerable discussion—we suggest that by no process of reasoning can the Crown, as represented by the Attorney-General's office, be relieved of its duty in the premises. It may be that a city ought to be required to recoup the province, but this is a matter of internal economy and not the adjusted as seems expedient, but that the obligation of seeing that crime is punished rests in the first instance upon the law officers of the Crown is too plain a proposition for argument.

Mr. Croot says that he has been grossly defrauded. He is a citizen of excellent repute. He has an unquestioned right to all the protection which the laws of the country afford. Yet, it appears, any man may come here and rob him, and because the city and province are at outs about the payment of the costs of prosecution, may do so with perfect impunity provided only the criminal can escape from British Columbia before being arrested. What is true of Mr. Croot is true of every one else. If this is a correct statement of the matter, and "Progress" takes the fact from the daily press, the case assumes the dimensions of a serious scandal.

AS TO JAPAN.

We, that is, Europeans and Americans, use to patronize Japan, and look upon the Japanese much as we enter the eyes of our children about to enter High School. Things are changing in this respect. We are not so clear about our superiority as we were a year ago. Is it not possible that the white races have been going at a pace that is rather fast for safety? We have hammered away at practical things until we have reached a large part of our old faiths in things divine as well as human. We have played with our appetites. We have comforted ourselves with the belief that we know about everything worth knowing. Then a despised person, studying our errors as well as our successes, sober and clean-living, full of faith and enthusiasm and animated by potent ideals arouses itself and all our traditions and preconceived notions get a bad shock and we are asking each other what is to come next.

MUSIC.

In common with every other place in the civilized world, Victoria claims to be "a musical city," but it is quite possible that we lay this flattering unction to our souls a little more frequently than is wholly advantageous. For a community of close to 30,000 people, including Esquimalt and other suburbs, and in view of the fact that this is a naval and military station, its musical strength is not at all remarkable. There is room for a great deal of development, and although the material may be available it is not in evidence in any marked degree. Victoria is a good average in a musical way, but that is all that can be fairly claimed. As in many other things, we could do better if we tried, and it is worth while to try.

What is the best music? The professional musician is likely to answer that the best is that which commends itself most to the trained taste. In one sense it is. The other day "Progress" heard a professional musician refer to "The Dead March in Saul" as commonplace. To his trained taste the simple melody and harmony of that dirge were very ordinary, and it must be confessed that the majority of players render it in a manner that makes it seem trumpery; but played by a master it is the most sublime confession of faith to be found out of sacred literature.

One secret of successful singing is the study of the words, and the rendition of the author's meaning. Kingsley said that he only once heard his famous song "Three Fishers" sung properly. That song is not a dirge; as it is—or rather

was sung (for no one sings it now). It is a story of a tragedy and should be sung as a story is told. At least that is what Kingsley said, and that is how Fessenden—in his day New England's greatest tenor—used to sing it, and he could hold his audience spellbound with the simple words and simple melody.

Oh, for a return of the days when musicians were not so overstrated that the simple ballads, which went to the hearts of their hearers, were not beneath their notice when amateurs did not think it necessary to indulge in vocal gymnastics, when professionals depended more upon touching the hearts of their audiences than upon the ingenuity of their press agents.

A New York paper has discovered that New Brunswick is fast ripening for annexation. The alleged cause relates to cordwood, or codfish, or perhaps it is hay or potatoes. Undoubtedly the commercial interests of New Brunswick are closely associated with the New England States, and have been for fifty years, but since John W. Cumpout about fifty years ago moved a resolution in the legislature in favor of annexation, which was howled down by the house and galleries, and which he afterwards explained was proposed out of pique, no public man in New Brunswick has ever spoken of annexation even as a remote possibility, and no newspaper has ever printed a line in favor of it. There is no more loyal part of His Majesty's dominions than this same little province on the Atlantic shore.

It is a great shame that Beacon Hill should be reduced to a blackened waste almost every summer. There is no necessity for it. Water pipes can be laid over the hill in various directions and garden hose can be provided, so that the caretakers of the Park can put out a grass fire as soon as it is discovered. It is ridiculous to have to summon the fire department to put out a little blaze in the grass, especially as by the time the engines get there, what was only a very little thing has assumed serious magnitude. If this is to be a tourist centre, the chief beauty spot of the town must be something better to look at than a coal yard during half the summer.

The British press is suffering from an epidemic of tommy-rot on Canadian matters. One paper hopes that Earl Grey's administration will leave Canadian loyalty unimpaired. Another thinks that the separatist movement now developing will shortly be checked, and so it goes. "Time was when Canadians looked to the British press for wise counsel; now they read its utterances with a feeling akin to despair.

It is satisfactory to know that the Colonist is not going to take its tocsin up to its cupola and awaken the people of British Columbia to rebellion. Any observations about better terms or separation, in which our contemporary may have indulged, were only vented in a Pickwickian sense. The dogs of war have been temporarily turned out to grass.

"The enterprise is a vastly greater and more important one than I thought it was," said Senator Cox, referring to the new transcontinental line. Only those who have really investigated the facts can appreciate what this railway will mean for Canada and British Columbia. It is the greatest development project ever undertaken by mankind.

If those train bandits are captured they should get the utmost limit of punishment allowed by the law, and if the judge who tries them can stretch the law a little, public opinion will back him up. A half dozen picturesque bandits hanged in chains at intervals along the railway would have a fine educative effect upon the tribe.

Notwithstanding the dire predictions of the Colonist and the Times the people of Victoria awoke last Wednesday morning to find the G. T. Pacific directors gone, and the provincial treasury intact, at least as far as was visible to the naked eye.

President Roosevelt has been asked to convene the Hague Tribunal. It will be a little late to settle the Craig-flower road question, but it may be applied to dispose of the Bird Cave Walk extension without a recourse to arms.

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The Week in Society

On the afternoon of the 7th inst., at St. Paul's Church, Kamloops, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Constance Cornwall, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cornwall of Ashcroft, and Capt. Philip Oldham of Hat Creek. A large number of invited guests from Ashcroft and Cherry Creek as well as those in the city witnessed the ceremony, which was choral, the church being prettily decorated by the brides' friends and the knot being tied by Ven. Archdeacon Small and Rev. H. S. Akehurst. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Henry Gardner Cornwall, looked most charming in a beautiful gown of ivory satin, the long train as well as skirt being trimmed with accordion pleated chiffon, caught up at intervals with bows of ribbon and the corsage being trimmed with handsome lace, a bunch of bridal blossoms nestling in its folds—the puffed elbow sleeves as well as the upper part of the corsage being of chiffon, her long tulle veil resting on a wreath of orange blossoms, her only ornament being a gold bracelet set with turquoises which with a shower bouquet were the bridegroom's gifts. The two bridesmaids, Miss Cran of Ashcroft, and Miss Lyle, were gowned in turquoise voile worn with chiffon fichus, transparent yokes and wreaths of white Goutier roses, their gold chain bracelets and shower bouquets of carnations being the bridegroom's gift. The bridegroom was supported by W. L. Fernie. After the ceremony the bridal party and guests adjourned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. W. Pearce, kindly loaned for the occasion, when a reception was held by Mrs. Henry Cornwall, where the cake supplied by Mrs. Clay of Victoria was cut and bride and groom, in health drawn with honors, the toast being proposed by Ven. Archdeacon Small in a neatly turned speech in which he alluded to having known the bride from childhood. The bride left amongst a shower of rice attired in a very becoming grey tweed travelling gown faced and lined with pale blue taffeta worn with cream lace blouse and chiffon hat; many of the guests followed the happy pair to bid them farewell at the station on the journey to Banff. Later in the evening Mrs. Pearce entertained the guests with a most enjoyable impromptu dance. The presents were most handsome and numerous, amongst them being: Bride's mother, fur-lined coat; bridegroom, gold bracelet set with turquoise; Mr. H. A. G. Cornwall, cut glass decanter; Mrs. H. A. G. Cornwall, Norfolk table centre; Mr. J. G. Cornwall, china chest; Mrs. E. G. Cornwall, bride; Hon. C. F. and Mrs. Cornwall, plate chest; Miss Cornwall oxidized frame; Mr. Hugh Cornwall, sugar spoon; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cornwall (Ladysmith), soup ladle; the Misses Cornwall (England), ring, brooch and studs; Mrs. Eyre (Ireland), silver hand mirror; Mrs. Phair, cut glass salad bowl and servers; Miss A. A. Cornwall (Nelson), berry spoon; Mr. C. Cornwall, cut glass bon-bon dish; Mr. N. J. Roper, silver Queen Anne tea service; Mrs. W. J. Roper, silver tea tray; Mr. J. R. Hull, Limoges china pudding dish; Mr. and Mrs. Parke, table and house linen; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cran, clock; Miss Cran, bridge marker and cards; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Murphy, cut glass fruit bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Doyat, wedgewood clock; Mr. and Mrs. Doyat, silver salt rack; Mr. Duth (Hat Creek), silver salt and pepper casters; Mr. Stuart Henderson, three silver-mounted claret and lemonade jars; Ven. Archdeacon Small, card table; Mr. C. Leigh Wilson, silver salt cellars; Mr. Haine, cut glass vase; Mrs. Calder, silver berry spoon; the Misses Sweet, point lace handkerchief; Rev. and Mrs. Roberts (Kuper Island), silver salt cellars; Mrs. C. Green, silver souvenir spoon; Mrs. Phair, silver egg stand; Mr. Pearce, silver sugar spoon; Mrs. Pearce, Japanese letter rack; the Misses Pearce, old "Willow Pattern" bread plate; Master Pearce, Japanese teapot; Mrs. Wells, water-color painting, Miss Wells, sofa cushion cover; Miss C. Wells, handkerchief sachet; Mr. J. Wells, silver mirror, Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, brass tea kettle; Capt. and Mrs. Nash, piano candle sticks and prayer book; Mr. and Mrs. Brocklehurst, travelling clock; Mrs. Vicars, Dresden cup and saucer; Mrs. Fortune, sofa cushion; Mr. Hayden, cut glass bowl; Capt. Fison, brass tea kettle; Mr. Pangman, picture; Mr. J. Brown, silver frame; Mr. Fisher, cut glass vase; Miss Lyle, silver toast rack; Mrs. Fernie, silver frame; Mrs. Fernie, vase; Miss Scarlett, powder box; Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds, two fruit dishes; Mrs. J. T. Robinson, berry set; Mrs. Strutt, cut celery glass; Mrs. Hopkins, china dish; Mr. G. C. Tunstall, silver vegetable dish; Mr. and Mrs. Hood, silver frame;

Mrs. Burton, Japanese bracket; Miss Lawson, sofa cushion; Miss Carr, lace handkerchief, etc., etc.

On Wednesday evening last the Cotillon Club again held one of its informal reunions in the A. O. U. W. Hall which was prettily decorated with flags for the occasion. About 75 guests were present; the lights, floor and music as usual left nothing to be desired. To quote the words of one of the members, the club will begin dancing in "real earnest" on the 11th of October and will hold fortnightly meetings after that date during the winter months. Tuesday evening's efforts were only a sort of "preliminary canter" on the part of the members. It is to be hoped that for future use the foundations of the hall and the patience of the chaperones will be strengthened and lengthened. And now the frocks: In these up-to-date times Shakespeare remarks "about leaving the rose in its primitive state of beauty have long since been voted obsolete; surely the setting of the gem enhances its beauty as a well made pretty gown does the fairest creation on earth—a pretty woman. And of both there was no lack. Wednesday. Amongst the pink dresses Mrs. Langton's was specially noticeable, it being made of one of those beautiful old time silks that are now so fashionable. Miss Newling in scarlet with poppies in her hair and dress with the usual accompanying addition of wheat ears formed a charming conception of "Ceres"; Miss Langley in soft clinging white over taffeta was graceful and effective; Miss Gaudin wore blue silk with bands of colored passementerie quite Oriental in its coloring; Miss Bell looked "deuced well" in a pink; Mrs. Irving in an effective shade of pink; Mrs. Troup, blue with cream lace overdress. These and many others formed a mass of mingled color satisfying and delighting to the artistic eye. The dancing was kept up to a very late hour, and to judge by the many nimble who had deserted their gowns to attend was keenly appreciated. The music, as usual, was supplied by the Heaters-Fawcett orchestra, the management of the affair being in the hands of Mrs. Lester. Amongst those present were: The Misses Bais, Bell, Mrs. Bullen, Miss Bullen, Mr. D. Bullen, Miss Angus, Mr. B. Angus, Miss N. Dupont, Mrs. Langley, Miss Langley, Mrs. Irving, the Misses Irving, Mr. Irving, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. R. Hamilton, Mr. Richardson, Mr. J. Bridgman, Mr. F. B. Pemberton, Mrs. M. E. Gwart, the Misses Gaudin, Mrs. Toft, Mr. Lawson, Miss Brown, Mr. E. Harvey, Mr. Langton, Mrs. Langton, Mr. Patton, Miss Campbell, Miss Todd, Mr. Newling, the Misses Hickey, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Cambie, Mr. Wilmot, Mrs. Holmes, Mr. Worlock, Miss Mason, Miss P. Mason, Mr. Hume, Mr. Pound and many others.

A merry and congenial little party of younger friends gathered on Wednesday of this week at "Oakdene," the homelike and hospitable residence of Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Powell, to spend a last pleasant evening, perchance for years, with Mr. R. B. Powell, and bid him Godspeed and farewell on the eve of his departure for Suva, Fiji. With music and dancing the hours were excellently employed. Amongst the guests were Mrs. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Goward, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunsuir, Mrs. P. S. Lampman, Miss Eberts, Miss Gertrude Loewen, Miss E. Loewen, Miss Green, Miss D. Green, Miss Pooley, Miss Foster, Miss Tilton, the Misses Drake, Miss G. Green, Miss Prior, the Misses Plummerell, Miss Madys Kane, Miss Holmes, Major Chouin, Messrs. West, Damm, Hills, Burroughes, Horsey, Grant, Tye, Talbot, Scholefield, Jones, Foote and Johnson. The departure of Mr. Powell for his new sphere of useful activity in the Imperial Colonial service is very keenly felt in Victoria's social, musical and sporting circles, in each of which he had made himself a leader, held in genuine affection and esteem by all with whom he brought in touch. Indeed Victoria friends would scarcely tolerate the loss of "Roubie" were it not for the fact that Opportunity's call is not to be lightly disregarded, and all who know him know also that Mr. Powell will in his new and broadening career prove an honor and an ornament to the Ser-

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vice and do high credit to the city and this Pacific province.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, 93 Carr street, on Wednesday afternoon, was celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Miss Florence Telfer Jackson, and Mr. J. Stanley Jost. Rev. W. Leslie Clay officiated; while Mr. S. J. Willis, B.A., and Miss Annie L. Jackson, sister of the bride, were the supporting couple. After the reception in the evening, Mr. and Mrs. Jost took steamer for the mainland, where the honeymoon will be spent.

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The Week in Society

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An anniversary that it is given but few to celebrate—and the rare infrequency of which anniversaries increase their general importance...

and Mrs. Nicholles, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mrs. Wootton, Miss King, Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Mallandaine, Rev. Dr. Reid, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. Schwemmers, Rev. H. J. Wood, Mrs. Conrad Schwemmers, Mrs. Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Kitto, Mrs. Lester, Senator and Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin H. Burns, Mrs. H. Clarke, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Henry Young, the Misses Kitto, Mr. C. C. Pemberton, Mrs. and Miss Nuttal, Mrs. A. A. Green, Mr. Burrell.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. U. Runnells, Michigan street, was the scene of a unique and most enjoyable social gathering on Wednesday evening, which took the form of a Dutch party.

Last week Langford Lake was chosen for a very enjoyable picnic given by Mr. and Mrs. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Brickell and Mrs. Maynard to fifty of their friends including Mrs. Youngs and Miss Smirl from Vancouver.

Captain Andrew Christensen and his bride (nee Miss Anna Lee, of Vt. And.) have been spending their honeymoon here, and will next week start housekeeping in the Terminal City.

Sir Pandolf Fleming, the "Father of the Pacific Cable" will, Mr. and Mrs. Exshaw, Mrs. Smith, Miss Fleming, A. Wykeham Jones, and Masters Noel Exshaw formed a party arriving from the East on Wednesday, and proceeding to Bamfield Creek, the American terminus of the cable, by the D. G. S. Quadra.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsmuir and party who have been cruising up the Island coast on Mr. Dunsmuir's steam yacht Thistle, returned home Thursday, having spent a delightful three weeks aloft.

The marriage of Mr. W. Baker and Miss Burchell was celebrated at the Metropolitan Church on Wednesday evening, Rev. G. K. B. Adams officiating.

Mr. A. P. Kitson best man.

Mr. J. H. Brock, managing director of the Great West Life Insurance Co., and Mr. R. T. Riley, managing director of the Canadian Fire Insurance Co., Winnipeg, are visiting the Coast.

Rev. H. J. Wood officiated at a double wedding Wednesday, the principals being Mr. and Mrs. Simmons of Black Diamond and Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner of Seattle.

Miss McBride of New Westminster has returned home after a two months' stay with her brother, the Premier, and Mrs. McBride.

Mrs. C. M. Beecher (Vancouver) entertained at the tea hour last week in honor of Mrs. Foster of this city, who was visiting Mainland friends.

Miss Keeler was among the guests last week at a farewell tea for Miss Watson of Hamilton, given by Miss Morris of Vancouver.

Miss Frances Tupper, who accompanied her grandparents, Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, to England, has just returned from a six-months' stay in the Old Land.

Mr. Ray Worlock is seriously ill.

The marriage was celebrated by Rev. W. Leslie Clay on Wednesday of Mr. Arick Svenson and Mrs. Laura A. Frick, both of Tacoma.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere, has returned from Quebec and again taken up his residence at Government House.

Mrs. Goodrich entertained a number of young friends on Tuesday afternoon, the croquet ground being the centre of activities.

Miss Clute of New Westminster, who has been making an extended visit with friends here, has returned to the Royal City.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble Binns of Trail have been spending the week with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Pither and Miss Pither are making a tour of Eastern Canadian and American cities.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter are seeing the World's Fair at St. Louis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Meredith spent the week here and at Shawinigan, leaving last evening for California.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. McQuade and Miss McQuade are paying a visit to Montreal and other Eastern cities.

Miss Lillian Mowat has left for Boston to complete her studies at Simmonds College.

Senator and Mrs. Vilas of Wisconsin are among the visitors of the week enjoying Victoria hospitality.

Mr. George Williams, manager of the Bank of Commerce at Nanaimo, visited the Capital this week.

Mr. Ralph Smith, M.P., and Mr. W. W. B. McGimmes, M.P.P., of Nanaimo, spent the week in the Capital.

Mrs. Welch, mother of Mr. E. E. Welch of this city, is visiting Victoria this week, en route to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Goulding Wilson have returned from their visit with Mr. and Mrs. Garshore, at Vancouver.

Miss Grace Flint, who has been the guest of Mrs. Waitt of Quadra street, returned to California Thursday.

Messrs. Challoner, Mitchell, Coles and Gibson have returned from a successful hunting trip to Sooke river.

Mr. Fred C. Bodwell of Chicago is visiting with his brother, Mr. Ernest V. Bodwell, K.C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clute of New Westminster are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Fagan.

Mrs. Gaynor of New Westminster, who had been visiting with Mrs. C. J. Fagan, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Binney of Trail spent several days of this week with friends here.

Miss Currie has returned from a three months' vacation visit to the East.

Premier McBride has returned from a vacation visit to the Interior.

Mrs. F. R. Douglas of Vancouver is spending a month with Victoria friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. DesBrisay are here from Dawson for a visit with friends.

Sheriff Richards is at the Green River Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Dennie of Los Angeles spent the week in the city.

Dr. A. T. Dickson and family are spending an extended holiday here.

Mr. C. R. Bishop is rusticated at Harrison Lake.

Miss Crickmay is obliged to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doering of Vancouver spent the week end here.

Mr. F. R. Glover was over from New Westminster for several days this week.

Miss R. Stoddard has returned from a two months' visit to Montreal.

Mr. J. A. Anderson has returned from a visit to Atlin.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown of Cadboro Bay Road left on Thursday night's boat for Spokane and will be away for two months.

Mr. R. F. Tolmie has returned from Atlin.

Mrs. Robson and Miss Crickmay of Vancouver are visitors in the city.

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Mr. F. X. Martin has succeeded M. Monin as French Consul at Vancouver.

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DANCING SEASON OF 1904-5.

Mrs. M. Lester is to be congratulated upon having passed a successful examination and become a member of the National Association of Masters of Dancing, thereby securing the system adopted by all professional teachers, which has the great advantage of teaching the reverse movement of the waltz from the beginning with the same ease as the right turn or beginning step.

Many novelties are promised the dance-loving people of Victoria for the season of 1904-1905, which opens October 1 with a complimentary party to the children, their friends and prospective pupils of the Saturday class.

On October 3 a short-waltz dance for adults will be held; on October 5 the adult beginners' class will be organized.

Mrs. Lester has leased the (downstairs) A.O.U. W. hall, which has been thoroughly renovated and cosily furnished throughout, sitting out rooms being provided for tired dancers, and made bright and attractive with palms, ferns, warm red carpets, Oriental draperies and dainty pictures.

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With the Player Folk

At the Victoria theatre this evening, the first really meritorious attraction of the season will be offered, in the idyllic comedy of "Sweet Clover," a play of refined humor and much originality, which (if the company is sufficient to the quality of the book) should very thoroughly please. "Progress" holds no brief for the Victoria Theatre. Its remarks in this column are entirely gratuitous and unbiased. And it has pleasure in informing its readers that "Sweet Clover" has enjoyed great popularity with Eastern audiences, and in the hands of a capable company is well worth while. It is something of a composite of the salient features of "Way Down East" and "David Harum."

Professor D. Bilyck's trained seals, which have delighted hundreds upon hundreds of young folks at the Grand this week, have also set the elders thinking as to whether Hans, that wonderful German horse, has any monopoly in the lower animal world of calculating, analyzing, demonstrating and horse's manifestations of the ability to reason are any more wonderful than the performances of Professor Bilyck's seals, the equine must be indeed a wonder. Everyone has seen the trained dog circus—dogs that are leapers, beggars, clowns, etc. That seals should equal the performance of the thoroughly domesticated dog is sufficiently wonderful in itself, but these seals double discount being the canine performers. Who for example ever heard of a dog that would juggle with fire or balance a lighted lamp on the tip of his nose like the expert juggler that one of the Professor's seals is? Good-natured, willing, tractable and gentle, the seals are little performers that win popularity wherever they go. Not only is their show an amazingly clever demonstration of its kind—it is educational and original. There is nothing that the Grand has yet offered that surpasses it. Aside from this feature act, the Grand's offerings this week are fair. The Three Forresters introduce several new and difficult feats in horizontal bar work; Christy and Willis are respectively a clever juggler and an excellent toe dancer; and Mr. Freddie Roberts is at his best in the illustrated "Sing Me a Song of the Sunny South." To be sure this would be improved by less war-worn slides and more appropriate ones—but that will doubtless be remedied next week. The other number on the bill is The Two Fantás and their pig, Mike. Mike is incomparably the best member of the trio—and he isn't anything remarkable.

Good quartette music is always enjoyed, nor can it fairly be said that the characteristically eccentric music of the colored race ever fails to command a sympathetic and appreciative hearing, with all its analysis-defying phrasings and ever-present minor chord of sadness. The Alabama Quartette at the Crystal this week has drawn the crowds and held them in suspense for encore numbers until the patience and generosity of the singers has been sorely tried. The quartette repertoire is a varied one, soon shouting being less conspicuous than good music of the ballad school—"The Sentinel Asleep" and "Good Night Beloved" being perhaps the most popular items of the week. All are well blended and received with eclat. One of the quartette members shines as a monologist as well as a singer, his convincing earnestness being decidedly artistic and deserving of warmest approval. He is one of the few entertainers of his class and color coming this way who puts brains into his act. There is another strong feature of the week's bill at the Crystal in the fire-eating act of the new Mephisto, and the tramp violinist provides himself a musician of no mean ability. His companion in the sketch might with advantage be instructed to plane down her song—it is a trifle too rough for Canadian consumption.

Following Frederick Warde and Kathryn Kidder, on Saturday evening next, there will come to the British Columbia playhouses Asa Willard in the melodrama "Jim Bludso," based on the stories of John Hay. Jim Bludso is roughly moulded, perhaps, but as true and sincere as men can be made, with a tender heart for women and children and a hard fist for his enemies. As a play, "Jim Bludso" is full of life and action. Miss Margaret McKinney will be here early in October as leading woman of the big "San To" company. Her present engagement is for the most important of her stage career. The

company of which she is a member comes intact from Broadway. James T. Powers has the role of Li, the thieving Chinaman. George Fortesque is in the company, which is expected to present the clever and dainty Chinese comedy most popular in the theatre next few months. Victoria will have Kyrle Bell in "Raffles," Frank Daniels in "The Office Boy," Edna Wallace Hopper in "Florodora," Maxine Elliott in "Her Own Way," Willie Collier in "The Dictator," and other attractions equally promising.

Amusing without being an insult to intelligence, crisp, sparkling, musical—such is the entertainment presented by The Pierrots (Mr. and Mrs. Miller), the English society entertainers who, coming here from Australia recently, have been delighting critical audiences at the Hotel Dallas on Monday and Thursday evenings. It is perhaps the daintiness and the originality of the Pierrot methods that have been the chief contributors to the popularity of the entertainment. Monologues, songs, duets, impersonations, etc., all are artistically blended and given with a sprightliness that is delightful. The Pierrots are booked to entertain at the Dallas each Monday and Thursday evening until Victorians are tired of their excellent little performance—and that is an unliked epoch apparently very far away.

Arrangements have about been perfected for the exhibition at the Edison Theatre on Yates street next week of the massive mastodon relics recently brought from Bonanza creek, Yukon, by Mr. Pierson, and soon to find their way to the wonderland at St. Louis. There have been many mastodon bones and partial skeletons brought from the mysterious north before. This particular mastodon head, however, is so complete that the tusks are still a part of the giant skull. Many of the larger bones are also in evidence and one is thereby enabled to gain a very fair idea of the proportions of this monarch of the animal kingdom as he roamed the then luxuriant valleys of the Arctic in the days when earth was young. As an educative factor, as well as an object of much interest, no one should miss seeing the mastodon while it is here. There will be many told of viewing it as one of the crowning wonders of St. Louis' exposition. It is just a little piece of prehistoric life and of the greatest modern exhibition—brought conveniently and economically home to Victorians.

It is possible that Mme. Myee may leave the deserted Edison theatre, and with her promising class of amateur dramatic artists present a series of modern plays during the coming autumn and winter. Arrangements are now being perfected for a three-piece offering on the evenings of the 24th and 26th instant, although just where is not yet decided. The bill will be the one-act comedy of "Forget-Me-Not," "Barbara," a neat single act item by Jerome K. Jerome; and a musical sketch to be produced by Mr. and Mrs. Miller, artistic entertainers from Australia.

The close of the engagement of "Lone Star Harry," the marvellous rifle and revolver expert at the Crystal, was marked by an unfortunate and somewhat serious mishap, a fly-back during one of the exhibitions of fast rifle marksmanship causing the weapon to burst, with the result that a scrap of metal found lodgment in the shoulder of a little lad in the audience—Cruikshank by name. The wound is an extremely painful one, although happily no permanent disablement will result.

Chas. B. Hanford is booked this season for a sumptuous revival of "Don Caesar de Bazan"—which has not been given with any degree of artistic completeness an finish since it was alternated with "The Three Musketeers" in the repertoire of the late Alexandre Salvini. Hanford should make a virile and satisfying Don Caesar. But will Marie Drofnah do for the little lady?

"A Runaway Match" amused a half-house at the Victoria on Tuesday. It is an average farce of present day disjointedness and inconsequential plot, introducing some very fair vaudevillians. At 50 and 75 cents it should have convinced those who saw it that they had fair value for their money.

Richard Golden is out with a new "Big" dramatic sketch—"Common Sense Brackett," of which Charles W. Doty is the author.

Nice things are being said of the new opera "The Forbidden Land," the scenes of which are laid in mysterious Thibet. It is by hitherto-unknown authors—the libretto by Guy Steely and the music by Frederick Chapin—and approaches very close to grand opera, besides being a very careful picture of Thibet.

Next week's bill at the Grand promises well. It includes Guernsey, Wilson and Ryan, in a singing and novelty act; the Trents in high class black-face comedy; Tim Welch, singing and dancing acrobatic comedian; LaDrew and LaZone, "the Daffy Dame and the Tad"; Dattson, the clay modeller; and the usual singing and motion picture features.

So great a success is being made by Jane Corcoran in "Pretty Peggy" that she may cancel her Western trip. Manager Aiston is now trying to get long time for his star at one of the Broadway houses. Miss Corcoran, who is no stranger to Victoria, is 23 years of age, ambitious and an extremely careful and pleasing little actress.

It is expected that Mr. N. C. Goodwin will be added to the mid-winter attractions in the Northwest Coast theatres, presenting Rostand's new play in which Coquelu will appear in Paris and for which Mr. Goodwin holds all American rights. The principal character is said to be Don Quizote.

That rollicking farceical comedy, "A Friend of the Family," which has already scored a big hit here, will return shortly. It will be played by a clever company headed by Alice Johnson.

The Crystal promises one of the largest and best bills on record next week. Mr. Boyd returns next week with a bearing countenance, his new attractions promising bumper houses.

Jessie MacLachlan opened her trans-continental tour at Quebec last week. She has with her Douglas Young, tenor; John McLinden, cellist, and Robert Buchanan, pianist.

Mr. Frank Watkis has bidden farewell to Victoria to join Mme. Patti in another farewell tour, the arrangements for which were first announced in this column.

N. C. Goodwin opened at Chicago with "The Usurer" on the 7th, and expects to continue all season in this piece.

It is possible that Ysaye, the eminent Belgian violinist, will continue his Canadian tour to the Pacific Coast.

Nelson is threatened with an amateur production of the "Pirates of Penzance."

Sir Henry Irving is getting out of the business less he, too, be forced into variety.

Frank Daniels, in "The Office Boy," is headed for the Pacific Coast.

Joe Hart has dropped "Foxy Grandpa."

No one who goes to see the seals at the Grand complains of being Bilycked.

The dates of "Dorothy" have been fixed as November 25-6.

Mrs. James Brown Potter is to take a flier in vaudeville.

Daniel Sully opened his season last Monday at Waterbury, Conn.

Thomas Q. Seabrooke has been engaged to star in "The Billionaire."

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In the true interest of sportsmen and of the country, of which its four-footed and feathered game is a valuable asset, "Progress" urges the further amendment of the Game Law in the direction of a total prohibition of the sale of all game birds and animals, save and except ducks; also a terminate period of not more than two weeks from the close of the shooting season, for the lawful having in possession of game in cold storage. The result will be found amazingly beneficial from all standpoints.

Residents of the Saanich peninsula—who as a general rule are good sportsmen in the truest sense of the term—are very much disgusted at the flagrant violations of the law that have been reported on every hand this season, particularly with respect to the ahead-of-season killings which every Victorian who takes an interest in sport has heard of—save and except the sporting man of the Colovist. The disgust of the Saanich residents culminated in a mass meeting at Saanichton on Monday evening, at which the question was discussed in its every relation. The result was an almost unanimous expression of determination to prohibit all shooting on their lands by Victorians during this and successive seasons. Upward of thirty Saanich farmers who heretofore have been the greatest courted allowed sportsmen in the range of their properties, have already decided to enforce the law preventing trespass—and this is directly and solely due to the operations of the too-early hunter, who does not by any means deserve the title of sportsman.

"When we find an officer of a city club prominent as a violator of the game law it is not only to shut down on the city 'sportsmen' altogether," is the way one Saanich gentleman explains the feeling of himself and his neighbors.

The prohibition of trespass if unamiously enforced in the Saanich peninsula as promised will be a great privation to many Victoria sportsmen to whom Saanich is a favorite hunting ground. And it will be particularly telling when the ducks become plentiful and the pheasants are legitimate game.

But few more opportunities will be afforded Victorians of witnessing the national game on the historic field at Caledonia Park—the field that may be said to have been the nursery of lacrosse in British Columbia, for although the first matches of which Victoria has memory were played at Beacon Hill, the Caledonia ground has been the scene of the vast majority. This Saturday it is Seattle that is pitted against the home twelve, and the occasion is notable not only as the first on which the Sound city has been represented on the lacrosse field here, but because there will be a number of the old reliable veterans of the V.L.C. in the familiar home colors. Seattle plays virtually the same team that opposed Victoria when the Victoria twelve last visited the Sound. For Victoria on this occasion the following will play: Goal, Walter Lorring; defence, Art. Beal; cover point, Bob Devar; defence field, Jack Wolfenden, George Snider, and Cap. McConnell; centre, Jim Mellis; home field, W. West, Fred White and Herb Jesse; outside home, Pete Morris; inside home, Stan Pelee; spare, Charles Taylor, J. Richmond and George Tite.

It is altogether probable that the passing of the Caledonia Park into the hands of a syndicate which will cut it in disfigure for sportsmen, lacrosseists and other interested parties, the news with blank dismay. Being forced to look elsewhere for suitable grounds for lacrosse and kindred attractions, it is found that the city has a considerable area in every way suitable land adjoining the park and near the old agricultural buildings. It would not be a very expensive undertaking to make this as level as a billiard table, and erect the necessary fences and grandstands. It might then be rented to baseballists, lacrosseists and others requiring it, the proceeds meeting fully the charges of interest and sinking fund, and the proposition proving not only a boon to sport but a good business investment eventually. No doubt Professor "Bob" Foster could be induced to assume the care of the grounds—and would appreciate the appointment. He will miss the Caledonia Park more than anyone else, as he was as securely an-

chored there as Al Larwill to the Cambridge street grounds in Vancouver.

The Tourist Association is very properly giving mature consideration to the proposal of Mr. Heathcote for the construction of a lock at the Gorge, thereby making available for small craft the beautiful stretch of water above this natural barrier. As Mayor Barnard explains, the Gorge being outside the corporation boundaries, the city cannot take active and effective part in the proposed improvement. And as the property adjacent has all long since been alienated from the Crown, it is equally a matter beyond the jurisdiction of the province. All who have been interviewed regarding the suggestion, agree that a lock such as proposed would be quite feasible and an immense convenience. Of course its utility would be contingent upon the Department of Marine granting the petition filed for a general deepening of the channel to the head of the Arm. The fear expressed by Mayor Barnard that the lock might disfigure the Gorge does not seem tenable when one recalls the beauty of many of the English locks, to which this would be very similar.

Talk about hard luck! A prominent gun club member who is also a popular civil servant, has the hardest luck story of all to relate. He had just bought a brand new and expensive gun, and a hunting suit to match—all in the latest style. He drove out eighteen miles with a party of friends and a borrowed dog of high degree, with whose assistance he expected to make the top bag of the season. The dog would hunt, and when in disgust the sportsman reproached the blue-blooded animal, it turned tail for home, deserting him. He toiled all day and got nothing—that is except trout raiment, many scratches, and bruises innumerable. At last he rejoined the party and the drive home began. Four miles from town they were stopped by a constable, and our friend alone was searched last, peradventure he might have a pheasant concealed about him. That was the last straw.

The prospects for the second annual meet of the B. C. Field Trial Club are very bright. A good string of entries is assured, as quite a number have already been received from Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria and the Sound cities, California is also expected to send some representatives for the competition. C. A. Sweetser, of San Jose, California, by Island, arrived on Thursday with a string of dogs and is located on Sea Island, preparing his entries for the trials. Mr. Morrow is also located on the same ground and has in preparation several dogs owned by Vancouver sportsmen. H. Hansen of Coupeville, arrived on the 15th with a number of pointers and setters from Washington, and Mr. J. H. Lucas of San Rafael, Cal. will probably be along a little later with the California dogs. The trials are to be held near Steveston, B.C., on Mongolian pheasants, and will commence with the Open Derby, September 30, followed by the Open All-age and Membership stakes. Entry forms can be had from Thos. Plimley, Victoria, or from the secretary, Norman F. Lyne, Vancouver, B.C.

Predictions in these columns were realized last Saturday when, by its representative, Mr. F. A. Maery, the Bank of Montreal gathered in for 1904 the cup contested annually in the Bankers' tennis tournament. Macrae had the honor of defeating the cup-holder, Mr. E. W. Carr-Hilton of the Bank of Commerce, in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3. Curiously enough the finals last year were between the same two players, although then they were on even terms, while last Saturday Macrae conceded 3-2 to his opponent.

Here is another of the marvellous hunting stories that are being brought in by the special correspondents following the progress of the campaign at Pike lake and thereabouts: A certain distinguished hunter was walking along the road, gun over shoulder, when a startled deer sprang from the bracken at the side of the road almost immediately in front of him, plunged between the legs of the surprised sportsman, and knocked him over. The gun was discharged in the excitement and the deer killed.

Honors in the Y.M.C.A. tennis tournament went to Mr. W. Fisher last Saturday, although they were the reverse of easy. Mr. H. F. Patten, his opponent in the finals, put up a splendid game, and for a time seemed destined for victory. The score was 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

What is claimed to be the largest caribou ever shot in the Kootenay country was by Captain Forslund of the steamer Revelstoke in the Columbia river at Rocky Point last week. The antlers are very large and the animal is supposed to have been about twelve or fifteen years of age. The entire skin and head are to be presented to the Provincial Museum.

One of the most remarkable shots on record was that with which Captain Gibson brought down a fine buck at Sooke river the other day. It was a raking ant and fore shot, which almost completely traversed the body, but which entered without perceptible puncture of the exterior cuticle.

Fishing at Shawinigan lake was never better—if you have luck. Mrs. W. E. Ditchburn and Mrs. S. J. Stapledon up to the closing of the polls today set the record for this week's catch, killing no fewer than thirty-five good sized and well conditioned fish within four hours. The majority were taken by the troll.

Grouse are so scarce in the Chilliwack districts that a special close season has been declared for their benefit until the 15th October. It would have been much better to have given them immunity from the hunters for the year.

By defeating the Independents last Saturday, the Fernwoods established themselves as intermediate baseball champions of Victoria. The score in the final match of the series does not bespeak a high quality of ball. It was 12 to 10.

The zoo at Beacon Hill park gains a valuable and attractive novelty in a promising young moose secured in the North by Mr. C. L. Cullin, and sent down by him to "Cap." Belfry.

The score in the Victoria-Barracks' series of cricket matches now stands 3-11, Victoria winning last Saturday's engagement by the narrow margin of six runs.

Between Trial Island and Macaulay Point the salmon are taking the troll well. A 35-pound beauty is the record fish thus far.

Don't let the attractions of the grouse altogether obscure the fact that salmon trolling is also royal sport, and now is the time for action.

J. Donaldson and W. McAfee of the J.B.A.A. are enjoying a yachting and shooting cruise among the islands of the Gulf.

Victoria's "Big Four" had little difficulty in gathering in the race of honor at the Vancouver Rowing Club's regatta last Saturday.

Poison apparently has been laid in the hills near Shawinigan above the railway line. A number of valuable dogs have suffered.

A race will be arranged between the Flora's champion boat crew and the stalwart oarsmen of the R. A.

The Vancouver Argos defeated Oshawa by six to four, this week bringing their record on tour up to 4-2.

There will be a meeting of the Hunt Club Monday evening at the offices of Pemberton & Sons.

Trout fishing is again very good at the majority of the lakes and streams up the line.

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The entertainment opened with a duet, which was followed in quick succession by a song from each of the "Pierrots," entitled respectively "Stars" and "Eggy," the latter being of a particularly quaint and catchy style. The next item was a duet, "Aint yer Going to Marry Me" which was well received. Pierrot then delighted the audience with a very clever rendering of "A Crusty Old Chap," and quite recalled to the memory of most of his listeners that they had at some time or another met a gentleman of the nature that he was describing; for an encore the entertainer described "A Cockney's Visit to Paris." Pierrette sang very tastefully "The Boy Guesed Right," a selection from "The Runaway Girl," and in response to a hearty encore delighted everyone with a dainty little song "Fanny Faces." The first part of the programme was then brought to a conclusion by the rendering of "A Clerical Friend," by Pierrot; his clever impersonation of the rural cleric was well received, and for an encore he gave another short sketch after the same style. During the interval and whilst the audience were doing their "turn"—the "Hat trick"—Pierrette whiled away a few moments on the banjo. The second part was opened by Pierrette in the "Gony Love Song," a charming little darkey song of the modern type and one which one is liable to hear more of as time goes on; following this was a duet concerning "The Baby on the Shore," and a song which most are well acquainted with. For an encore Pierrot treated the audience to another song of the serio-comic class, "His Only Joke."

By request Pierrette rendered in a very taking manner "Sammy" and received a recall. "Riding Down Bangor" by Pierrette was well received and the evening's programme was brought to a conclusion by the singing of the duet "I'm Taking no Chances of Missing my Meals." The Pierrots are well worth a visit and everyone could take the opportunity of hearing this talented couple.

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