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## The Old Men's Home

Grand Jury Protests Against the Cruelty of Its Location.

Weeks ago, in several successive issues of this paper, attention was directed to the super-exquisite cruelty displayed by the city council in the maintenance of the home for the aged and dependent veterans of pioneer days in a corner of the cemetery—their only glimpse of the busy world in which they have played useful parts being across the silent city of the dead, from which they are now but one step removed. There is something particularly bitter in the philosophy which contemplation of their surroundings must engender in the minds of these old men, and there surely is enough broad charity in the hearts of Victorians to insist that it should not be so. The building and its equipment also are utterly inadequate and unsuitable, and there is no public institution in which thorough and drastic reforms are more urgently demanded. "Progress" rejoices to see that not only has the grand jury attendant at the present court of assize dealt with this matter, corroborating an endorsement of the views expressed by this paper, but the Colonist has also, locally joined in the good work. It is to be hoped that the freshened agitation will not be in vain. Here is what the Grand Jury had to say on the subject:

"We think the building a standing disgrace to the city of Victoria, and would urgently request the authorities to take immediate steps to secure a suitable site and construct a building as shall meet the special needs of such an institution. The present building is a mere shack, and in a deplorable condition, and quite inadequate for the purposes for which it is used. We would respectfully submit that the new site be far removed from the present environs, where the outlook for the old men shall be brighter and less suggestive of the closing scene in life's drama. We would also add that, in our opinion, Mr. McIntosh, the caretaker, makes the best of an old building, and evidently takes an interest in his work."

—High Price of Carelessness:

It is the non-political and strictly business B. C. Lumberman which thus refers to the immense timber loss in British Columbia of the present season, and the responsibility of the government therefore: "With an estimated loss by bush fires of five million dollars to standing timber throughout the province during the season, the British Columbia government has little reason to be proud of the parental care which it exercises over this valuable public asset. If the experience of the past summer does not suggest remedial action, we know not what will. The outcome is self-evident: Efficient fire wardens system at an annual cost of say \$50,000, or the present forest system with a provincial loss of \$5,000,000."

—The Hint Courtrooms:

"Progress" begs to present its compliments to Mr. Thomas Watson, chief of the Victoria Fire Department, and express the hope that upon his return, refreshed and stimulated by the proceedings of the convention of fire chiefs, his attention will be given to the accumulation of dangerous ash and waste boxes encumbering backyards in the central portion of the city, and which are an ever present source of fire danger. In years gone by these receptacles were regularly inspected by the chief—and fire danger was thereby much depleted.

—Bad Boys Beware:

The attention of the police might with advantage be given to a coterie of bad boys (and a few bad girls also) who congregate nightly on Hillside avenue and amuse themselves while they annoy the neighborhood by loud and unseemly talking, stone-throwing, etc. The ages of the young offenders grade from ten to sixteen, and they show small profit by parental discipline. Oak Bay avenue, in the vicinity of Foul Bay road, has also its bad boy contingent, who would be none the worse for a little police advice.

## Random Reflections

IT WILL be noted that John Houston retracted but did not apologize.

WITH eggs at 20 cents each in Port Arthur (vide cablegram) Dawson City has every right to be jealous.

WHAT Kuropatkin would like just now is an amendment to the international game law prescribing a close season for Russians.

LEVI Hussey has been appointed Chief of Police at Portage La Prairie. If there is aught in a name he will be a good one.

THURSDAY, November 17, has been proclaimed Thanksgiving Day. If the Premier had been a humorist he would have made it November 4.

COLONIST correspondents have already begun to quote people who can "see Conservative victory all along the line." More work for the oculists?

LAURIER is known to everyone of school age in Canada as a great public man, whereas Borden is dimly associated with some kind of Evaporated Cream.

THE essence of Japanese patriotism has been illustrated at Conox, where two little brown farm hands quit work because a fellow toiler wore whiskers a la Russ.

THE Poplar Nutter has suspended its editor, J. W. Greer, having presumably made all the money he can conveniently spend in this life. He will go to Fernie and assist R. T. Lowry to fill another "long felt want."

AUDITOR-GENERAL McDougall has withdrawn his application to be put upon the supernumerated list, as "the differences between the government and myself are now made the issue of a general election." Mr. McDougall's modesty is something approaching the sublime.

—Trustee Hall's Bright Idea:

At the last meeting of the public school board Trustee Lewis Hall was to the fore with a brand new and strictly original idea. It was apropos of the admitted undesirability of Chinese pupils being brought into contact with white children in the public schools, and was in the nature of a suggestion that all Chinese pupils should be compelled to adopt European clothing and cut off their queues. Surely the trustee does not wish to be taken seriously in such a suggestion—a suggestion that is utterly at discord with the best principles of British liberty of the subject? It is doubtful indeed if the courts would not promptly intervene were an attempt made on the lines proposed by Dr. Hall, and it is certain that the Chinese whose children desire to educate themselves in the Canadian fashion should not be so insulted as proposed. So long as one dresses cleanly and decently, the question of garb and of hair-dressing is rightly one of individual taste, with which neither school board nor any other public body has legitimate right to interfere. Such suggestions as the one referred to are only in the direction of bringing the common-sense and justice of the Canadian public into disrepute.

## THE PROPHECY FULFILLED.

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Ungava.

McKenzie.

Saskatchewan.

Ezra Kendall's "Weatherbeaten Benson" has made good in Chicago.

## Fair Play For Exhibitors

Alleged to be Wanting in Certain Awards at Late Exhibition.

Now that the exhibition of 1904 is a matter of history and the praises due its promoters and managers have been rightly willingly accorded, it may not be surprising to have its foundation in an injustice to exhibitors; contributors in the art department are specially concerned. They aver that their entries were made in good faith and their money accepted, for competitions described in detail in the catalogue. The natural and only fair proposition in connection would be as they understood it, that the best picture in each of the respective classes, would take the first prize, and the others in the descending scale of merit receive their proper recognition. In numerous cases however—in paintings, china decorative art, and floriculture—first prize money was withheld and the exhibit listed first in merit among those competing was awarded second money, or third. The explanation forthcoming was that the judges did not think the entry up to a first prize standard. But there was no specified standard to work by, save only the feeling in the matter of the judges, and this could not be accepted as satisfactory. The result may be economy to the fair authorities in prize money, but it is held to be scarcely fair treatment to exhibitors, nor encouragement for them to assist in the success of future exhibitions.

Nor were the judgments in the art division altogether above criticism. For example competition was invited in outline drawing for boys or girls under sixteen. Among the competitors was one little girl of twelve, who entered a copy from the antique which she had enlarged to life size. This was awarded second prize as against a simple floral design, also a copy but a direct copy, entered by a child of seven. The majority of the drawings entered as from the antique were in reality copies from the flat, yet there was no discrimination against them for this non-conformance with the rules. Miss Pemberton, Mr. H. M. Lamb and Mr. H. Carmichael are understood to have been the judges, and the former assuredly should have discriminated in this connection.

With respect to the general exhibition of original works, one would assume that originality would have been insisted upon as a prime essential of qualification—originality both of subject and composition. And yet one finds the first prize in water colors, (animal or figure, original) awarded to an unblushing copy of a Chinese type which is found upon the souvenir postal cards in almost any bookstore.

In the art classes one estimate has it that \$20 was withheld from exhibitors. These contributors to the exhibition contend with apparent justice that if their entries did not comply with the conditions of the competition entered they might properly be disqualified; but not received but degraded in the award to a minor place with the explanation that it has not reached some mythical and undefined standard requisite for a first prize winner.

—Good Guesses:

The Royal Soap Co's guessing competition in connection with the New Westminster Exhibition, has been won by Mrs. Peiser of this city, who held that the exhibited bar of soap should weigh about 1053 lbs. As a matter of fact it went just 8 ounces over. Because she was thus near the mark Mrs. Peiser is the owner of a handsome silver service.

—Good Work:

The Colonist is to be cordially complimented upon the excellent interview published on Wednesday, with the quartette of war correspondents returning by the Express and more particularly Mr. Frederick Palmer of Collier's Weekly. Considering the very limited time afforded the interviewer by the short stay of the Express here, his work is the more creditable. Such local material should be signed, in order that due honor may be paid the individual.



ases; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robertson,  
at glass vase; Mr. and Mrs. Ambery,  
at glass dish; Mrs. Frank Hanington,  
silver mustard pot; Mr. and Mrs. J.S.  
I. Matson, cut glass and silver bowl;  
Mrs. and Miss Hickey, cut glass vase;  
Miss Ince Mason, silver spoon; Mrs.  
F. S. Holt, cut glass dish; Mrs. Mohan,  
at glass butter dish; Mr. and Mrs.  
savin, cut glass china tea set; Mr.  
and G. Bushby, cut glass vase; Mrs.  
E. Norton, antique silver buttons; Col.  
on. E. G., Mrs. and Miss Prior, cut  
class vase; Mr. A. E. Harris, wicker  
becking chair; Dr. and Mrs. Ford  
Vander, silver claret jug; Mr. and Mrs.  
B. Paul, sterling silver vase; Mrs.  
Burke, cut glass dish; Mr. Challon  
and Mr. Mitchell, sterling silver vase;  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunsmuir, silver pep  
pers and mustard pots; Mrs. Tilton,  
silver peppers and salts; Miss Ethel  
Tilton, brass ink bottle; Miss Evelyn  
Tilton, silk and chamois jewel case;  
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Blackwood, cut  
class dish; Mr. and Mrs. Charles J.V.  
Spratt, silver cake knife; Mrs. and Miss  
Mara, glass decanter; Mrs. A.W. Jones,  
brass photo frame; Hon. P. O'Reilly,  
silver-mounted mirror; Mrs. Ed.  
W. T. Oliver, cut glass vase; Mrs. Ed.  
McQuade, cut glass and silver vase;  
Mrs. L.G. McQuade, cut glass dish; Mr.  
and Mrs. Charles H. Gibbons, copper  
ankar; Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Watt,  
rass writing table set; Miss Jessie Bell,  
at glass vase; Captain and Mrs. J. W.  
rump, silver berry spoon; Mr. and  
Mrs. Harold Robertson, silver photo  
frame; Mrs. I. W. Powell, embroidery  
tape and one shawl, with heavy fringe  
and Duchesse lace; Miss Foster, silver  
sachet hooks; Miss David, Japanese  
owl; Mrs. Lockwood, Philadelphia,  
at scarf with Duchesse lace ends; the  
fishop and Mrs. Perrin, handsomely  
pud hymn and prayer books; Mrs.  
elyca, cloisonne vase; Mr. and Mrs.  
Mackenzie, framed water color  
etches; Mr. H. E. Newton, silver  
paper and mustard pots; Judge and  
Mrs. Harrison, Benares vase; Mr. Wel  
Solomon, silver cake basket; Mr.  
orbes G. Vernon, cheque; Mrs. Alex  
ander Munroe, cheque; Miss A. D.  
umeron, leather-bound poems; Mr. A.  
Munroe, leather-bound Shakespeare  
ays; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Rogers,  
ajocila vase; Mr. and Mrs. G. H.  
arnard, vase; Commander Sandeman  
d Leut. R. W. West, R.N., silver book  
and enamel brooches; Dr. G. H.  
mean, spoon; Mrs. Henry Croft, sil  
te caddy and spoon; Mrs. Mait  
id-Dougall, silk housewife; Miss Non  
O'Powell, silver-mounted purse; Mrs.  
aiklock, cut glass vase; Mr. W. E.  
reen, brass candelabra; Capt. Wm. Fe  
lpearl brooch; Miss Phyllis Hen  
ie, ivory fan; Mr. and Mrs. C. H.  
agrin, china bowl; Mrs. M. and Mrs. C.  
d half dozen silver tea spoons; Miss  
inkinson, china tea cup and dollyies;  
Ir, Mrs. and Miss E. Dickenson,  
vedgewood jar; Mr. and Mrs. Macleure,  
ecture; Mrs. S. Roberts, silver smel  
gging salts; Mrs. Hibben, copper writing  
ay and stamp box; Mr. and Mrs. T.  
Smith, silver bon-bon dishes; Hon.  
F. and Mrs. Pooley, china vases;  
E. Kiss Keefe satchet; Mrs. Keefe, book  
of Sydney Pitts, Durkheim, cabinet; Mrs.  
Vatell, longley, half dozen hand-paint  
d dollyies; the Misses Stewart, Ottawa,  
ilver dish; Mr. and Miss Osborne, pic  
tures, silver dish; Miss Lydie King, pic  
tures; Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips, half  
tzen volumes Shakespeare's plays; Mr.  
and Mrs. Jenns, framed photographs;  
Mr. A. J. C. Gallaty, water colors,  
framed; Miss Newton, water color,  
Capt. and Mrs. Dawson, lace hand  
kerchiefs; Mr. B. J. Boulton, cut glass  
vase; Mr. and Mrs. Walsh, Windle, cut  
glass vase; Mrs. F. S. Barnard, feather  
fan with tortoise shell sticks; Miss J.  
Keith Wilson, gilt clock; Mr. and Mrs.  
Crow Baker, half dozen Japanese bou  
lion cups; Miss O'Reilly and Mr. J.  
O'Reilly, cut glass scent bottle with  
opper; Hon. Richard and Mrs. M.  
Grife, half dozen silver spoons; Hon.  
R. F. and Mrs. D. R. Ker, berry spoon;  
Mr. Justice and Mrs. P. A. E. Irving,  
handsomely bound set of Shakespeare;  
Mrs. Bais and Miss Bais, three china  
ea cups; Mrs. Rocke Robertson, silver  
photo frame; Mrs. Keast, framed pic  
ture; Mrs. R. Jones, silver bell; Mrs.  
G. J. I. Mihne, cut glass dish; Mr. and  
Mrs. J. S. Gibb, glass butter; Mr. and  
Mrs. D. E. Campbell, cut glass bowl;  
The presents from the groom's friends  
were:

cream jug; Mrs. Tenhouse, England,  
silver cream jug; Mr. and Mrs. C.  
W. Ware, set of silver salt, pepper and  
mustard pots; Friends and Servants of  
Melborn Bury, pair silver candlesticks;  
Servants and Friends of Philmore Gar,  
bins and Mrs. pair silver sugar  
spoons; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawson, set  
of coffee cups; Colonel and Mrs. Mer  
ritt, solid silver tea tray; Mr. and Mrs.  
Springham, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, two  
silver double enter dishes; Mr. and Mrs.  
Springham, silver carriage clock; Miss  
Kathleen 'Tonzel and Master Tom Bar  
ber, silver sugar sprinkler; Mr. C. M.  
Merritt, musical gong and copper break  
ever mustard pot; Miss Georgiana Bell,  
silver grape scissors; Mrs. Johnson,  
Miss Anderson, mounted china bottle  
dish; Mrs. Stanley and Misses Stanley,  
silver toast rack; Mr. W. Stanley, silver  
cigar cutter; Capt. and Mrs. Robertson,  
pair of Worcester candlesticks and ex  
tinguishers; Rev. R. H. Semple, pearl  
scarf pin; Mr. Henderson, gold horse  
shoe pin; Mr. W. Morrimer, solid silver  
salver; Mr. A. E. C. Drueis, Russian  
leather paper case and blotter; Miss  
Drury Lowe, Mr. E. Drury Lowe and  
Commander S. Drury Lowe, two silver  
mounted pin cushions; Rev. J.  
de Veir Leigh, silver-mounted poc'et-  
book; Mr. Barrett, travelling cushion  
in case; Mrs. Tonzel, silver card case;  
Miss V. Bowell, ivory hand-mirror;  
Miss Nonie Povey, antelope tobacco  
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his?" said Mr. Dooley.

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Hennessy.

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have contint' fr an amachoor father  
that has on'y wan offspring. An of  
fessional parent like ye that's prop  
rially done nawthin' all y'er life but  
be a father to helpless childer don't  
understand th' emotions iv th' author  
iv a limited edition. But Hogan don't  
say so. So far as I am able to judge  
fr'm what he says, his is th' on'y per  
fect an' complete child that has been  
projoced this cinchery. He looks on  
y' our way Hinery James wud look  
on Mary Jane Holmes.

"I wint around to see this here pro  
jidy th' other day. Hogan met me at  
th' dure. 'Wipe off y'er feet,' says he.  
'Why?' says I. 'Baby,' says he. 'Al  
likebebe,' he says. 'He thin conducted  
me to a basin iv water an' I instructed  
me to wash me hands in a preparation  
iv carbolic acid. Whin I was thurly  
perfumed, he introjocced me to a  
toothless ol' gentleman who was sittin'  
up in a cradle atin' his right foot.  
'Ain't he fine?' says Hogan. 'Wond  
erful!' says I. 'Did ye iver see such  
an expression?' says he. 'Niver,' says  
I. 'As 'Hiven is one judge, niver.' Look  
I at his hair,' he says. 'I will,' says I.  
'Ain't his eyes beautiful?' 'They ar-re,  
I says. 'Ar're they glass or on'y imi  
tation?' says I. 'An' thin cummin' lit  
ture,' says he. 'On close inspection,'  
says I, 'yes, they ar-re. They ar-re  
fine. Ye'er thoughts don't know it,  
though. He thinks that wan is a dought  
nut.' 'He's not as old as he looks,' says  
Hogan. 'He cudden't be,' says I. 'He  
looks old enough to be a dimmyercat  
candidate fr Vice-president. Why,  
he's lost most iv his teeth,' says I.  
'Go wan,' says he, 'he's just gettin'  
thin. He has two uppers an' four  
lowers,' he says. 'If he had a few  
more, he'd be a sleepin' ar,' says I.  
'Does he speak?' says I. 'Sure,' says  
Hogan. 'Say Poppa,' he says. 'Gah,'  
says young Hogan. 'Hear that?' says  
Hogan, 'that's poppa.' 'Say momma,'  
says Hogan. 'Say momma,' says I.  
'Yes, here's  
Misther Dooley,' says he. 'Bluh,' says  
Hogan, 'he knows ye,' he says.

"Well, ye know Himmissy, wan iv th'  
things that has made me popyarl in th'  
ward is that I make a bluff at adorn'  
childer. Between you an' me, I do  
lave salute a dishrag as a recent in  
fan. When I says do it, I do it. I put  
on an allurin' smile an' says I, 'Well, lit  
tle ol' goozy god, will he give his  
Dooleyums a kiss?' At that minyit  
Hogan seized me fr th' cullar an' d  
bhragged me away fr'm th' cradle.  
'Wud ye kill me child?' says he. 'Am I  
that bad?' says I. 'Don't ye know that  
there ar-d're mic'rophes on ye?' he  
transmitted me fr'm the infant in a  
kiss?' says I. 'Well,' says I with indig  
nation, 'I'm not proud iv myself as an  
antiseptic American,' I says, 'but in an

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## THE TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

The chief topic, one might almost say the only topic, of conversation in this city in connection with the federal elections is the transcontinental railway policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The interest taken in it is of the most intelligent kind, and there is a desire to know just what the actual facts are. "Progress" recognizes the difficulty of dealing with a party question in a non-partisan way, but it hopes to be able to show that it is not impossible, and that what follows will enable its readers to form their own conclusions as to the merits of the government policy, which has been crystallized into an Act of Parliament. There is an almost universal consensus of opinion in this province at least, that a second transcontinental railway, north of the Canadian Pacific, is necessary for the proper development of Canada. The opposition which the Conservatives showed at the outset of the discussion has disappeared, and the leader of the Opposition, after presenting several quite different lines of policy, has finally admitted that Canada needs some such railway as the government has arranged for. It is not necessary, therefore, to make any argument in defence of the idea upon which the government policy rests.

The government plan, as adopted by Parliament, provides for the construction of a railway from Moncton, N.B., by way of Quebec to a port on the Pacific Coast of this province. This involves approximately 3,400 miles of railway. Of this mileage the government is to build 1,800 miles and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company 1,600 miles. (It must be understood that the figures are approximations, but they are close enough to the actual facts for all practical purposes.) The government portion is between Halifax and Winnipeg. It is to be leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific for 50 years at a rental equal to 3 per cent on the cost, but no rent is to be paid by the Company during the first seven years. At the expiration of the 50 years the line reverts to the government. During the continuance of the lease the Intercolonial Railway is to have running rights over this part of the line. The line to be constructed by the G. T. P. Company will extend from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast. To aid in the financing of this part of the work, the government guarantees the company's bonds to the amount of 75 per cent of the cost of construction of the prairie section but not to exceed \$1,000,000. The British Columbia section the government guarantees the company's bonds for 75 per cent of the actual cost. There is a provision under which the government may, at the expiration of 50 years, acquire this part of the line from the company, so that, if the people so wish, the whole line may after 50 years become a government-owned and government-operated road.

Against this it is objected:

1st.—That the line as proposed will have its principal terminus at Portland, Maine.

2nd.—That the government is involving the country to the extent of at least \$150,000,000 and giving the railway to the company.

3rd.—That there is no provision for the beginning of work simultaneously at Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast.

4th.—That it would be better to build the line as a government work from beginning to end and operate the same as a government road.

We think the above fairly states the government plan and the substantial objections of the opposition to it. Minor matters necessarily enter into the discussion, but nothing that is really material to the issue.

1st.—As to the terminus of the line, that is the actual business terminus.

To appreciate the objection made on this score, it is necessary to begin at the inception of the project. In 1902 Mr. Hays and some other gentlemen approached the government with a proposal to build a line from North Bay to the Pacific Coast. At North Bay the new line was intended to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific. It was to be a feeder to that system, the winter ocean terminus of which is at Portland, Maine. This proposal was rejected, the government saying that, while willing to negotiate for the construction of a second transcontinental railway, it would not consider any project which did not secure that Canadian

traffic should be carried to the Canadian seaboard. To this Mr. Hays and his associates replied that the Grand Trunk Company was not prepared to build such a line, and the result of the negotiations was the evolution of the plan outlined above. But it was clear that the mere fact that the new line would extend to the Canadian Atlantic seaboard was no guarantee that the company operating it would send its business to that seaboard, especially as its associate company, the Grand Trunk, had an ocean terminus elsewhere. To meet this objection the following clauses were inserted in the contract with the G. T. P. Company, which forms a part of the Act of Parliament, is absolutely binding upon the company, and can be enforced by law:

"It is hereby declared and agreed between the parties to this agreement that the aid herein provided for is granted by the government of Canada for the express purpose of encouraging the development of Canadian trade and the transportation of goods through Canadian channels. The company accepts the aid on these conditions, and agrees that all freight originating on the line of the railway or its branches, not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper, shall when carried entirely by Canadian inland ports, and that the through rate on export traffic from the point of origin to the point of destination shall at no time be greater via Canadian ports than via United States ports, and that all such traffic, not specifically routed otherwise by the shipper, shall be carried to Canadian ocean ports."

In addition to this proviso there is the following covenant:

"The company further agrees that it shall not in any manner within its power, directly or indirectly, advise or encourage the transportation of such freight by routes other than those above provided, but shall in all endeavors to fulfill the conditions upon which public aid is granted, namely, the development of trade through Canadian channels and Canadian ocean ports."

Every reader can judge for himself whether or not these provisions do not prevent, as far as human ingenuity can prevent, the shipment of freight to a port in the United States. If the line were owned and operated by the government no more certain guarantee that the traffic would be carried to Canadian ports could be provided, because, even in the case of a government road, the shipper would have the right to send his goods by what route he might choose.

2nd.—As to the obligation assumed by the government.

The cost of the line from Moncton to Winnipeg is to be paid by the government. This is estimated by the government at about \$60,000,000, to which must be added the interest during construction and during the seven years when the G. T. P. Company will pay no rental. This will swell the cost to something over \$70,000,000. When this amount has been expended the Dominion will have approximately 1,800 miles of railway from Moncton to Winnipeg leased to the Grand Trunk Pacific at a rental equal to 3 per cent on the cost. An asset which pays interest upon its cost, cannot be properly called a liability, especially as it will develop an immense stretch of country and lead to a great expansion in the revenue. It is quite true that the government has undertaken to make this outlay of \$70,000,000, approximately, but it is also true that against the liability will be offset a revenue paying asset that will relieve the country of any charge except for the interest paid during construction and the first seven years of the lease.

For the portion of the line to be built by the Company the government gives the guarantees mentioned above. The only amount which the government actually undertakes to pay in any event is the interest upon 75 per cent of the cost of the section through British Columbia, which is to be paid for seven years and is not to be recovered back from the company. Mr. Fielding estimates that this will be something over \$2,000,000. The whole liability which the government assumes on account of interest is estimated by Mr. Fielding at under \$14,000,000. This includes everything.

But it will be said that the government stands as surety for the company's bonds, which is true enough, but it has as security the railway and \$20,000,000 of rolling stock, which the company pledges itself to provide; so that if ever the road is to be taken over by the government, because of default in the payment of interest or for any other reason, the Dominion would secure a completely equipped line from Winnipeg to the Pacific Coast for 75 per cent of half of its cost, as the following figures demonstrate:

Cost of Prairie section, 1100 miles

at \$18,000 per mile . . .	\$19,800,000
Cost of B.C. section, 480 miles at \$45,000 per mile . . .	21,600,000
Total Cost . . . . .	\$41,400,000
Rolling stock required by the contract . . . . .	20,000,000
Total G. T. P. investment	\$61,400,000
Government Guarantee, 1100 miles at \$13,000 per mile . . .	\$14,300,000
75 per cent of the B. C. section . . . . .	16,200,000
Total guarantee . . . . .	\$30,500,000
In round numbers . . . . .	\$30,000,000
G. T. P. investment . . . . .	\$62,000,000
Government guarantee . . . . .	31,000,000

That is to say excluding the interest, which does not properly enter into this calculation, the government, if it has ever to take the road over from the company to protect the country from loss under guarantee, will get \$62,000,000 of equipment railway by converting a guarantee of \$31,000,000 into an actual liability.

3rd.—The beginning of construction at the western terminus.

This is a matter that naturally appeals strongly to the people of this province. There is nothing in either the contract or the Act of Parliament itself specifying when construction shall begin anywhere. It is provided that the government shall begin construction at Winnipeg simultaneously with the beginning of construction there by the company, but as long as the line is completed within eight years, the company may begin to build where it likes and when it likes. There has been no declaration by the company, official or otherwise, as to when construction will be begun anywhere. The statement that the work will not be carried out from the western, or British Columbia, terminus, is perfectly unwarranted. The company has refused to bind itself to delay beginning work at Winnipeg until it has determined upon its Pacific terminus and located its line at this end, but it has not said that it will not begin work on the Pacific end as soon as these points are settled. Each reader can decide for himself whether or not it is probable that the company, having eight years in which to build the line, will take advantage of the facility with which construction can be carried on from the ocean in British Columbia. There are no facts bearing upon the question except what is stated in this paragraph.

4th.—As to government ownership.

The position taken by the government is that to construct such a railway as a government work and to operate it as such would be to incur risks and responsibilities which no government ought to assume. If all that had to be done was to build a railway and permit it to get business as it offered, the experience of the Intercolonial would hardly warrant so expensive an experiment, but more than this will be needed. Lines of steamers must be put upon the ocean, the lakes and along the British Columbia coast. Terminal facilities must be provided on an extensive scale. Hotels must be built and managed. Agencies must be established all over the world, and in fact the government must become a great commercial concern, competing with private companies, yet handicapped in so doing by the exigencies of politics. This is the objection which the government takes, and each reader must for himself determine if he thinks it a good one.

There is a point in this connection which is worth passing notice. If it would be wise to build the line as a government work and operate it as a department of the government, the conclusion follows that, in the opinion of those who make this contention, the line would pay as a government road, notwithstanding all the disadvantages under which the government would labor in operating it. If it would pay under such circumstances, it would certainly pay if handled by a company, and if it will pay when handled by a company, the government incurs no responsibility further than for interest on the eastern section during construction and for seven years after, and interest on 75 per cent of the cost of the British Columbia section for seven years. Unless the business of the road, if operated by the government, will not pay interest on the full cost of the whole line, it would be folly to undertake it as a government work, and surely if it will do this, it will pay interest on the cost of the eastern section and on 75 per cent of the cost of the western section. The advocates of government ownership must either avow their willingness to operate the line at a loss or admit that the government will not be liable for anything on account of interest after seven years, if the road is operated by a company.

We think the foregoing is a frank statement of the plan of the government and the objections of the opposition, and

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that it cannot be alleged that it is the least partisan. Our object is to state the matter that each person can for himself determine how to vote at an election in which the government policy as above outlined is the only real question. Mr. Borden has outlined in a general way the policy in regard to a transcontinental railway which he will pursue if he comes into power. It would be foreign to the purpose of this article to criticize his declaration in any way. It is impossible to compare a project, which is complete to the dot, of the last "4" and the crossing of the last "4" with one that as yet only consists of generalities, and necessarily must consist of generalities until so time as the gentleman proposing it had time and the facilities to take the matter of details. It is sufficient to say that the government present perfected plan with a guarantee that can and will be carried out; Mr. Borden is obliged by the very nature of his position to simply indicate the general lines, which at present he is preparing to follow. No fair comparison can, therefore, be instituted between the things,

### The Week in Society

One of the most brilliant out-of-door gatherings of the season was that at Work Point Barracks on the occasion of the annual tournament of sports in which the men of the service shine to so conspicuous advantage. The various contests were replete with interest, not unmixt with jolly fun, and the hospitality of Col. English and his officers was unsurpassed. Among the invited guests of the afternoon were: The Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond de Lotbiniere, Miss Boswell, Mrs. Nanton, Commodore and Mrs. Goodrich, Lieut. Blackler, R.N., the Ward Room and Gun Room Officers of H. M. S. Grafton, Flora, Egeria, Bonaventure, and Shearwater, Captain Barker, R.N., Captain and Mrs. Barry, Captain and Mrs. Fraser, Captain Hunt, Lieut. and Mrs. Miles, Lieut. and Mrs. Nairns, Dr. and Mrs. Home, Dr. and Mrs. Hulet, Lieut. and Mrs. Ward, Mr. W. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Ling, Lieut. and Mrs. Lawson, Captain and Mrs. Perkins, Messrs. Page and Gels-thorpe and Miss Harris the Mayor and Mrs. Barnard, Hon. A. E. Smith, United States Consul, Mrs. and Miss Smith, the Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Archbishop Orth, Bishop and Mrs. Cridge, Lieut-Col. Hall and officers of the 1st Regiment, C. A. Lieut-Col. Whyte and officers, Sixth Regiment C. A. Col., Mrs. and Miss Holmes, members Vancouver, Union and Badminton Clubs, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Barkeley, Mr. and Mrs. Gavin H. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzherbert Bullen, Miss Bullen and Mr. Harry Bullen, Mr. and Mrs. F.S. Barnard, Rev. W.D. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. and Miss Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Beavry, Rev. Canon Beards, Mr. and Mrs. Bury, Mr. and Mrs. Burroughes, Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman, Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and family, the Misses Baiss, Mrs. and Miss Bell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Becker, Sir Henry, Lady and the Misses Crease, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Crease, Mr. and Mrs. Croft, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Combe, Mr. and Mrs. DePuy, Mr. J. C. Cornwall, Capt. and Mrs. E. Dr. Dr., Mrs. and Miss Cobbett, Mr. Cruise, Mr. Cookson, Hon. Justice and the Misses Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. B. E. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Mr. Denison, Major Dupont, Mrs. Dunsuir, Mr. and Mrs. James Dunsuir, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunsuir, Captain, Mrs. and the Misses Devereux, Hon. Edgar and Mrs. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. Alford, Mrs. bielo, Captain and Mrs. Davidson, Dr. and Miss Davis, and Mrs. Ward, Mr. Puncan, Mr. and Mrs. Eberts, Miss Eberts, Mr. and Mrs. English (Covlichan), Mr. Mrs. and Miss Foster, Mr. F. Foster, Mrs. Fleet, Mr. W. Fisher, Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Fluemerfelt, Mr. and Mrs. French, Mr. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. T. Goward and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Goward, Mr. and the Misses Gallely, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Garnett, Captain, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ganon, Mrs. and the Misses Ganon, Mr. and Mrs. Gore and the Misses Hunt, Mr. T. and Mr. A. Gore, Mr. H. M. Grahame, Mr. F.C. Gable, Lieut.-Col. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Genge, Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. Goldfinch, Dr. and Mrs. Hasell and the Misses Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. H. and Mrs. D. R. Harris, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Hicks, Mr. H. Maurice Hills, Dr. Mrs. and Miss Hanington, Mrs. and Miss Hanington, Mr. Mrs. and the Misses Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Hulton Harrup, Col. and Mrs. Hall, Hon. Justice and Mrs. Irving, Captain, Mrs. and the Misses Irving, Col. and Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. and Miss Macnaghten Jones, Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Janion, Captain and Mrs. C. Gardner Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Keefer and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Kirk, Mrs. and Miss King, Mr. and Mrs. Kitto and family, Mrs. and the Misses Loewen, Mr. and Mrs. Laing, Mr. and Mrs. Luxton, Mr. and Mrs. Lampman, Mrs. and the Misses Langley, Mr. and Mrs. and Laundry, Mr. W. H. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Langworthy, Mr. Lucas and family, Mr. R. C. Milne, Hon. Justice and Mrs. Martin, Senator, Mrs. and Miss Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. McPhillips, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Monteith and family, Mr. Alexis Martin, Mr. and Miss Musgrave, Mrs. and the Misses Mackay, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Mara, Mrs. and Miss Martin, Mr. J. Musgrave, Mr. Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Miss Barron, Mr. and Mrs. Macrae, Dr. and the Misses Newcombe, Rev. J. Nicolay,

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The Arbutus Club, formerly the Tuesday Evening Cotillon Club, held a most successful dance at A. O. U. W. hall Thursday evening under the able management of Mrs. Lester, the rejuvenated assembly rooms eliciting many compliments. Music and floor left nothing to be desired. The following were present: Mesdames Johnson, Norton, Newling, Langton and Cuppage, the Misses Monteith, the Misses Lucas Miss Newcombe, Miss Tupper, Miss T. Hanington, Miss Gladys Baiss, Miss Newling, Miss Bell, the Misses Hickey, Miss Brown, Miss Dorothy Green, Miss Gladys Kane (Brookline), Miss Legh, (Salt Springs), Miss Roberts (Kuper Island), and Miss Campbell, Messrs. G. S. Holt, John J. Berington, Roy Troup, Chas. Vernon, Jr., Fred Brown, H. E. A. Robertson, Wilkinson, Mules, Arthur Gore, Hamilton, E. P. Colley, Hutton (Ottawa), Cambie, B. G. Prior, Arnold Raymur, Capt. Martin (Swan Lake), R. L. Bell, L. M. Richardson, Roger Monteith, Joseph C. Bridgman, Merritt (Vancouver), Max Ewart, E. Hanington, T. S. Palmer, and H. F. Langton. The next meeting of the club will be on the evening of Tuesday, November 8.

The visit of General Sir Charles Parsons, C.B., and Lady Parsons has made the present a busy week for the officers at Work Point, the business of the General commanding to the West meaning a succession of inspections and reviews. Lady Parsons preceded her husband in arrival, reaching here on Sunday evening. On Monday a dinner in her honor was given at the Barracks, at which opportunity was afforded the officers of the Army and Navy and their wives to meet the popular visitor. On Thursday the General was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Col. English and his officers; while on Friday afternoon Mrs. Bland entertained at the tea hour in honor of Lady Parsons.

At the home of Mrs. Clyde, Rock Bay avenue, was celebrated on Wednesday evening, the marriage of Mr. Edmund Middleton and Miss Annie Frances Clyde, Rev. J. F. Vichert M.A. performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss M. G. Andrews and the groom by his brother, Mr. James Hamilton. The bride was becomingly attired in white organdie, trimmed with Valenciennes lace insertion. She carried a beautiful bouquet, a gift from the groom. Miss Andrews wore a handsome gown of white muslin and a pretty gold bracelet, the groom's gift. The large array of handsome presents testified to the popularity of the newly married couple. A wedding supper was afterwards held at which the guests took advantage of the opportunity to offer their congratulations. These were responded to by the groom in an appropriate manner. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton were escorted to the Whatcom, on which they took passage to the Sound, by quite a crowd of friends. On returning from a honeymoon tour of Washington state they will take up their residence in Victoria.

Hon. Justice Landry of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick is paying a visit to Victoria and other points on the Coast. His Lordship is a former member of the House of Commons, retiring from politics to the bench in 1890. His family is one of the oldest—if not THE oldest—in New Brunswick, being recorded in the first census, of 1670.

The dance of the Colfax Rebekahs, postponed from last Tuesday in consequence of the regrettable death of Mrs. Lange, is now a fixture for the evening of the 25th.

Capt. the Hon. and Mrs. R. G. Tatlow have arrived safely in England, their crossing of the Atlantic being by the Allan liner Ionian.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ohlandt have returned to San Francisco from a honey moon trip to Nome, and will make their home in the Bay City. Mrs. Heilmken is now visiting Mrs. Ohlandt, her daughter.

Chief Watson was in Vancouver this week attending the convention of fire fighters.

Mr. H. H. Coghlan has arrived from the Old Country and will make his home at Duncan's.

Mr. H. B. Barton and his bride (nee Evelyn E. McClury) of Eburne are spending their honeymoon here this week. The wedding was solemnized on Monday by Rev. John A. Logan, Miss E. McClury and Mr. R. E. Chigston being the supporting couple.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Jeffrey Elliott, late of Strathcona's Horse, to Miss Tillie Beatrice Gibbs, of Hartley, Somenos.

Miss H. O'Sullivan is spending a holiday at Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Evans and family, of Ashcroft, are paying the Capital a visit. Mr. Evans is one of the original pioneers of Ashcroft.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. and Mr. and Mrs. W. Tennant of North Yakima spent the week with friends in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellis (nee Sylvester) have returned from a honeymoon trip to California.

Mr. Quinan has left for Revelstoke, where he has been appointed manager of the Bucknam Drug Co.

Mr. David Evans, M.P.P., and Mrs. Evans were mid-week visitors in the city from Cowichan.

Mr. W. Spier, manager of the Eastern Townships Bank at Grand Falls, spent the week in Victoria, on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Megaw and family of Vernon are spending a week on the Coast.

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BETTER TERMS.

"Progress" wishes to correct a statement made over the signature of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper to the effect that the subject "better terms" for British Columbia was presented to the Canadian House of Commons in 1901 by Col. Prior and treated with scant courtesy by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Last week we gave a brief history of the presentation of the claims of the province upon the Dominion. These claims were not in the nature of a demand for better terms by which expression readers must understand the increase of the allowance by the federal government by the provincial government. "Better Terms" have nothing to do with annual appropriations. What Col. Prior referred to in his speech in 1901 was the proposals laid before the Dominion government by Mr. Dunsmuir, who was then premier. Col. Prior's speech was simply a presentation orally with comment of what Mr. Dunsmuir had already presented in writing. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took up the several points and expressed his opinion freely upon them. It is not the purpose of "Progress" to go into particulars; but having given an absolutely accurate outline of what was done, it feels that it ought not to allow its statement to be inferentially contradicted by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper without saying anything in reply.

The question of "better terms" for British Columbia has never been discussed in Parliament. The most that can be truthfully said about it is that the government of Mr. McBride has formulated a claim for the readjustment of the financial relations of the province and the Dominion, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said that he proposes to take up this and the demands of the other provinces of the earliest convenient day. Mr. Borden has stated substantially that he will do the same thing, if he comes into power. There is plenty of material for a political campaign without resorting to a misrepresentation of the facts of recent parliamentary history.

The Board of Trade has been very active since the last annual meeting and has accomplished considerable good work. At the next meeting, which will be held next month, it is proposed that the rescinding of the order in council permitting United States steamers to engage in the coasting trade on the Pacific coast of Canada shall be discussed. This order in council was passed at the instance of the Victoria Board of Trade, and when an attempt was made during the height of the Klondike business to have it rescinded, the motion was voted down. Now that the trade has dwindled, and the share in it done by this city has greatly fallen off, the action of the government is sought. It is said that the C. P. R. will enter into certain undertakings as to the Skagway service, the cost of Canada shall be less than if United States steamers are kept from handling Canadian freight destined for the Yukon. The question is not of nearly so much importance to Victoria as it was, and as was pointed out at the meeting of the Board yesterday, the action asked of the government involves the placing of the northern Canadian business in the hands of one company. A very interesting discussion may be expected, when the question is again brought up.

MILK, MUCK OR A MIXTURE?

Editor "Progress"—I am informed that there is such a thing as a Milk Inspection Act in existence here at the present time, although facts point to the contrary. A couple of years ago it was a common occurrence to see milkmen stopped on the street and samples taken from their cans to be tested. But such inspection appears now to be a dead letter. To-day I had a glass of milk with my lunch, and was utterly disgusted to find at the bottom of the glass a quantity of black muck of some sort. It has also been a common occurrence during the past month to see a deposit of a quarter of an inch or more of a disagreeable looking black deposit in the bottom of a pint pitcher. You can readily see, sir, that no more prolific source of typhoid fever, diphtheria, etc., could exist than such disgustingly impure milk. It is not my intention at the present time to mention names, but I hope that milkmen interested will see for themselves that such a bad state of affairs is not in their own interests. I expect that the trouble lies in that some of the men supplying milk in Victoria do not insist that the cow's udder is washed or at least wiped with a damp cloth before milking.

CLEANLINESS.

Victoria, Oct. 12th, 1904.

The Week in Society

Continued from page 5.

Mr. D. G. Macdonell of Vancouver spent several days of this week with Victoria friends.

Mr. Basil Gardom returned to En Derby last week, having greatly enjoyed a visit to Victoria.

Mrs. William Mackenzie of Toronto is visiting friends here and in the Terminal City.

Mrs. W. N. Carmichael has returned to her home in Whitehorse after a pleasant holiday with friends here.

Mr. J. H. Senkler of Vancouver is enjoying a shooting visit to Shawngin Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Whiffen visited Mainland friends this week.

Mr. William MacNeill spent the week on the mainland.

Mr. and Miss Maitland-Dougall of Cowichan have left for Scotland where they will make an extended visit.

Miss Grant and Miss James, two ladies of Melbourne, Australia, who are making a tour of the world, have arrived here on the last stage of their long journey.

A wedding of considerable brilliancy this month in London will be that of Miss Pauline Astor. The jewels Miss Astor has already received are said to be worth more than \$1,250,000. Her wedding gown is to be of ivory satin, draped with priceless lace.

Mrs. Worsfold of New Westminster entertained at the tea hour last Monday in honor of her mother, Mrs. Charles of this city, who is her guest. The table was very prettily decorated in red dahlias and Virginia creeper.

Mrs. Eckford of Calgary and the Misses Hendrie of Hamilton are to spend next week as the guests of their Victoria friends.

Mr. J. W. Bowes has returned from a visit to Cumberland.

Mr. George M. Perdue has returned from a pleasant vacation visit to the Kootenays, Montana, and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eaton and the Misses Eaton, from Nova Scotia, are the guests of Mr. Eaton's brother, Superintendent Eaton, and will shortly take up their residence here, at 20 Shoreline street.

Dr. D. McLeod of Grand Forks, Y.T., is the guest of Dr. George Duncan, Fort street, returning from an extended tour to Great Britain, France and Germany.

Captain and Mrs. Gibson of Chemainus spent the week with Victoria friends.

Mrs. A. McDonald of Dawson has arrived to spend the winter months with her sister, at 45 Menzies street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bullen of Tacoma are visiting friends here.

Mr. Reginald B. Anderson, who for the last four weeks has been enjoying a well-earned holiday with his parents, left by the Amur on Wednesday evening en route for Atlin to resume his duties in the Government office.

The marriage of Mr. Charles B. Quigley, a popular young lacrosseist engaged in business here with Mr. Andrew Blyth, to Miss Nellie Galloway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Galloway of Nanaimo, was celebrated on Wednesday of this week at the Royal Cafe, Rev. W. Leslie Clay being the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Blyth witnessed the ceremony, at which were present a few of the more intimate friends of the contracting parties. The wedding supper was in the best style of the Cafe, an exquisite repast, and the tables were decorated with roses, violets and caryophyllus. Upon the return from the Sound, where the honeymoon is being spent, Mr. and Mrs. Quigley will make their home at No. 5 Avalon Road.

St. Barnabas Church was the scene on Wednesday of a pretty autumn wedding, the principals in which were Mr. William John Webb and Miss Elizabeth Isaacson. The bride wore gown in white corded silk, with veils and orange blossoms, bridal roses an

carnation forming her shower bouquet. She was given away by Mr. H. Callow, while Miss Lucy Kemp was bridesmaid—a pretty figure in white organdie over pink taffeta with picture hat. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was supported by Mr. H. Watkinson, while Rev. E. G. Miller, rector of St. Barnabas, officiated. The wedding supper and reception were at the residence of Mr. Callow, 107 Fort street, and after receiving the congratulations of their many friends Mr. and Mrs. Webb left on a post northward out of the Sound cities. They are to make Victoria their place of residence.

Upon Rev. W. Leslie Clay last Wednesday devolved the pleasant duty of uniting in matrimony Mr. Daniel Aranson, of the B. C. Electric Railway Co.'s staff, and Miss Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Robinson of 34 Humboldt street, at whose residence the wedding was duly celebrated—the home being very prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion. A brother and a sister of the groom and the bride respectively were the supporting couple. Mr. and Mrs. Aranson also are honeymooning over the Sound.

Among the newly wedded visitors to Victoria this week were Mr. and Mrs. John Royle of Nicola, whose marriage was solemnized last Saturday by Rev. G. Mason. The bride, Miss Gertrude McKittrick of Kamloops, was attended by her friend, Miss Nellie Hunter, while Mr. Norman Woodward assisted the groom.

Hon. Justice Craig of Dawson, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Craig, left for California this week, after an all-too-brief stay with Victoria friends.

Dr. J. N. Elliott Brown, territorial secretary for the Yukon, and Mrs. Brown, who is the well known newspaper woman "Faith Fenelon," have left for the East on a pleasure trip.

Mrs. J. W. Williams and Mrs. Robert Croft have returned from a visit with Mainland friends.

Mrs. A. O. Rutherford of Toronto, president of the Dominion W. C. T. U., was a guest this week of the local women workers.

Hon. Francis Lacy Carter-Cotton was over this week from the Terminal City.

Mrs. W. H. Spofford has returned from a visit to Winnipeg and Minneapolis.

Mr. C. C. Worsfold of New Westminster is visiting the city.

Mr. D. E. Campbell has returned from a fortnight's shooting in Lillooet, as the guest of Dr. Sanson.

Miss Gertrude and Miss Katherine Curry of Tacoma are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. J. J. Whiteley, 44 Vancouver street.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Lucas have left on a visit to friends in Hamilton, Ont.

Mrs. Eulalie Blyth has returned from an extended visit to Atlin.

Society is whispering of the engagement of Mr. B. G. Goward and Miss Beale.

Mrs. Maitland-Dougall of Cowichan is the guest this week of Mrs. Arthur W. Jones.

Mrs. Erb intends wintering in California.

Mr. and Mrs. William Love (nee Johnson) of Vancouver have returned to the Terminal City after a delightful honeymoon here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wilkinson of London, Eng., who have been making a tour of the Coast cities and a somewhat extended stay in Victoria, have left for home.

Mr. J. W. McIntosh of Vancouver is visiting Victoria friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Lefevre of Vancouver are the guests this week of Victoria friends.

Mrs. J. W. Bland has returned to Vancouver after a week's visit with friends here.

Mrs. and Miss Sprague of Toronto have been visiting here and in Vancouver, have returned home. Mr. F. W. Valleu, gold commissioner or Omineca, is visiting relatives here

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Greenroom Gossip

Victorians have it within their own power to determine whether or not this city shall have a visit from that eminent American pianist Mary Hallock. A subscription list has been opened at Wait's and Fletcher's music stores, and if a sufficient guarantee be thus obtained, two recitals will be given here—on the evenings of the 3rd and 4th November proximo.

At the Grand next week, Manager Jamieson will present the following especially strong bill of attractions: Mr. Frederic Roberts, in illustrated song, "He Laid Away a Suit of Grey, to Wear the Union Blue"; Dave Samuels, Hebrew comedian; The Kramers, Bing-ham and Gable, in novelty musical act; Arthur O. Folkert, whistler; MacLain and Mack, presenting Mr. MacLain's comedy "From Lovey Dovey to Usey"; and now moving pictures.

Arthur Dunn, a favorite with Victoria audiences among the comic opera comedians will be here in his new and great success on the 10th proximo, his offering being "The Runaways," with the original New York Casino Company and the identical production in which Sherbert, Nixon and Zimmerman have invested \$75,000.

Isadore Rush, who brings "Glittering Gloria" here in the course of ten days or a fortnight, is under the same management as "San Toy"—that of John C. Fisher. The cast includes George Parson, Wilton Heriot, Edward M. FAVOR, Bert Clark, Channez Olney, Lulu Louden, J. Gunnis Davis, Thomas A. Kiernan, Irma Davis, George Jackson and W. S. Freeman.

No previous season at the Victoria Theatre has shown a better early-in-the-season month than the present, for attractiveness of bookings. "San Toy," "Glittering Gloria," and "The County Chairman" form a strong quintette of bookings.

H. J. Hooley, the eccentric comedy star, assisted by Miss Mae Jackson, will be seen at the Savoy next week in a society playette, "The Artist's Dream."

Mrs. J. W. Smith (which is the plain off-stage name of Beatrice Lorne, the favorite vocalist of the Yukon) has just reached the Outside with her daughter, Miss Constance James, who is to attend school in California.

George Ade's amusing play "The County Chairman" closes the month at the Victoria.

Rehearsals for "Dorothy" proceed apace.

Florence Roberts is to be here early next month with a revival of "As You Like It."

Isadore Rush is making a hit as "Glittering Gloria," to be seen here within the ensuing fortnight.

Frank Daniels in "The Office Boy" has taken San Francisco and Portland by storm. He doesn't come here.

There are already an even dozen of mellerdamers with the Russo-Japanese war as an excuse.

Harry Corson Clarke is doing the name part successfully in "Mr. Wix of Wickham."

Esther Loyal, once a resident of this city and lately with the Baker Stock Company, is to create the leading female part in "Commonsense Brackett," in which Richard Golden is to star.

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New Westminster is the same old... special from the Royal City... date of the 12th instant: "The lacrosse club to-night received a challenge from the Vancouver lacrosse club to play a game in Vancouver on October 22, the winners to take 60 and losers 40 per cent. of the gate after expenses are paid. The only condition is that New Westminster must not join the league. The local officials state that the challenge will not be considered. New Westminster will only enter the league conditionally on Vancouver and Victoria paying them moneys due for the defaulted games, at each team posts a forfeit of \$100 to be forfeited when the team defaults and that Westminster and Vancouver will play off for the championship. As there is financial loss in bringing out the Shamrocks from Winnipeg it is likely that an arrangement on these terms will be made and a game played October 22 which is sure to be the greatest craving card in the world of lacrosse ever seen on the Coast."

The Rugbyites of Victoria have re-organized with enthusiasm that promises well. Hereafter the three teams—senior, intermediate and junior—will be in Vancouver, under one management, and all interested in the game will pull together for its advancement. Officers of the Victoria Club have been chosen as hereunder: President, George Day; vice-presidents, Geo. Gillespie and Col. Wolfenden; secretary, D. Leeming; treasurer, H. Austin; junior captain, J. Macrae; vice-captain, K. Schofield; intermediate captain, L. Foote; vice-captain, C. Bergan; junior captain, A. Jeffs; vice-captain, W. Kinloch; executive committee, J. E. Cornwall, Mr. Barnacle, W. Heath, P. Austin and B. Prior. These officials will form the management of the three teams. They will deal with all business connected with the arrangement of exhibition matches, and will fix the time and place for practice games. In fact all Rugby football matters will receive their attention. The club will consist of the senior, intermediate and junior champions with Vancouver and Nanaimo.

Mr. H. L. Salmon's sweep for the Cambridgeshire now in progress is the last of these events for the year 1904. The great Cambridgeshire sweepstakes is being run at Newmarket, England, on Wednesday, October 26, the sweep being drawn for on the 17th. No subscriptions will be received after the night of the 24th so as to enable the committee in charge to prepare for the drawing. Although the first prize in the recent St. Leger was sold in Nanaimo it was held by a resident of this city who was engaged in some business in the Black Diamond City and happening to pass Young's cigar store saw the advertisement of the sweep. This was his very first investment of the kind, which certainly turned out fortunate.

To-day the stalwart athletes of the Royal Engineers are visiting Ladder in acceptance of a challenge received from the tug-of-war team of the fishing and farming hamlet. The Ladder folk noted with interest that the Engineers swept the earth with their rivals in their recent tournament in this city at exhibition time, and therefore issued a defi. As a result the Engineers went over this morning with an Alexander expression upon their bronzed countenances.

Physical culture has been taken up with glee by the athletes of the J. B. A. A., under the instruction of Sergeant Dunn. Among the members of this year's class are J. Leeming, J. Sutherland, R. J. Simpson, the O'Sullivan, C. McKillop, J. Simpson, H. Brown, P. Morrison, C. Briggs, J. Scott, P. Austin, J. Hart, P. Andrews, T. Watson, F. Dresser, Bert Hobbs, H. W. Lang, F. Clarke, N. Hardie and F. W. Thomas.

Fifty two pheasants to a single gun in one day is a record that one so-called sportsman of Victoria is boasting about. It is a really good sportsman killed fifty two pheasants in a day in the vicinity of Victoria he would be so ashamed of himself that he would keep quiet. Possibly this triumphant one will have business to with the cold storage warehouse long after the season is at an end. There is an object lesson in his kill—to mend the game law prescribing a maximum day's bag.

About the best legitimate pheasant bag of the season was that reported for

The Victoria District Football Association has decided with regard to Victoria West's claim to the intermediate cup, that the cup had only been in competition twice, the competition during 1902 having been for a special cup put up by the association and won by the Capitals. The cup now being played for must be won three times in succession, 1902 being a dead year, Victoria West won in 1901 and 1903; so if they win this year they hold the trophy.

Messrs. MacNeill and Mutter of Somers, twenty brace for the two guns the first day of the season. Mr. MacNeill's dog, Don, is a handsome and very intelligent English setter; Mr. Mutter has in Paddy another almost ideal sporting dog for the character of the country in which most of his work is done.

There promises to be keen and exciting sport in connection with the J.B.A.A. handicap doubles handball tournament opening on Monday and entries for which close today. Already about sixteen couples are entered, while the present champions, Messrs. Dave Jones and Walter Jesse, will do their best in defence of their honors.

A very close and at times brilliant lacrosse match—although the play was too open on the whole—was that of Tuesday at Caledonia Park between Victoria and the reinforced Shamrocks of Winnipeg, Victoria winning 8 to 7. West, Belfrey, Haughton, Fred Cullin and the Lormiers were the heroes of the day for the blue and white.

The organization of an intermediate series in the Victoria Association Football League has been deferred until additional entries are obtained, but two teams being at present available—Victoria West and the Capitals. The junior series will be contested by St. Louis College, the High School, James Bay and North Ward.

An Association football match between Victoria and the United Service has been arranged for Thanksgiving Day—yet a long way off—the proceeds being devoted to a veteran footballer, J. Deckers, who is in need.

Fishing is good again in both lakes and streams. At Cowichan lake this week two expert fishermen, Messrs. B. J. Perry and Harry Wille, secured some 300 fish in three days' fly fishing.

There will be practice matches of both Rugby and Soccer this afternoon.

Nelson didn't have much trouble in putting it over the Seattle lacrosse team, to the tune of 12 to 9.

A close season for musk oxen in the unorganized districts of Canada has been provided, to extend from the 1st August to the 31st May in each year.

Percy Cove of Seattle (an ex-Torontonian) and Jockey Bennett of Sacramento fought 20 hard rounds to a draw at Philharmonic Hall Thursday evening. The boxing was on the free-for-all order.

Colin Hill has issued a challenge to Jockey Bennett for a 20-round go a fortnight hence, at 122 lbs. ringside.

Victoria West plays the Garrison (Association Football) at the Barracks today.

Nanaimo and Ladysmith Rugby teams are to meet on the 22nd.

Oak Bay Park will hereafter be Victoria's sporting centre.

The ladies' hockey club has chosen Miss Nason as captain for the season. Miss Dolly Sehl, vice-captain; Miss Wilson, secretary-treasurer; and Misses Bais, Hardie, Leeming and Brown, committee, in addition to the officers. The prospects for the season are rosy.

United Victoria won in the first engagement this season of teams in the city league. Victoria West were the defeated, and the score 5 to 3.

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Military Matters.

The Fifth Regiment had a fair turnout on Thursday evening, Nos. 1 and 5 Companies making the best showing. Col. Hill marched the Regiment up Col. Hall marched the Regiment up the Bugle Band—which latter is showing evident signs of being in the near future one of the best Bugle Bands in the Militia Force, under the careful training of Sergt. Trumpeter Earle. The men looked well and smart, and marched in good time.

On their return to the Hall Col. Hall addressed the Regiment, briefly outlining the drill programme for the coming season. He announced that the new Dunderdall Drill would be adopted at once, and the first instruction therein would be given at the Regimental School of Instruction which opens on Wednesday next. It is anticipated that the School will be largely attended in consequence.

This new drill is pronounced to be good but it is also said to contain some brain rackets, but then that is nothing strange as all good drill books contain these, and occasional guessing must be done. In any event the drill will certainly be found entertaining.

General Parsons, who is now in Victoria carried out his inspection of the R. G. A's. at the Barracks on Thursday last, and that of the Royal Engineers on Friday morning. It is the intention of the General to inspect the Fifth Regiment on Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Drill Hall, and a Regimental Parade has consequently been ordered for that time; although this is very short notice, every member will be ordered to parade, and it is hoped that there will be but few empty spaces in the sections. Full dress tunics, helmets, pouch and side-arms is the order of the day.

THE COURIER'S LITTLE JOKE.

(Hugh Kennedy.)

Everyone who takes a healthy interest in other people's business must have felt some curiosity, when reading that column of the daily papers headed "In Music's Realm," "The World of Tone," or "Quavers and Crotchets," as to the sources from which the reporter drew his fillers. It is a problem on which the reporter himself rarely throws any light. His scissors have a trick of slipping off the name of the journal in whose reading columns they give the snags. He seeks rather to give the impression that he is in direct personal communication with the celebrities whose press agent he aspires to be. He has wireless connections with Berlin and Paris and Leipzig, if you will believe him, or he is merely throwing off the hints dropped by Bishop or Kubelick over a glass of port the last time he dined with them.

Of course one can make allowance for the haste of the reporter. It takes time to give credit, and time is money. There may have been a divorce, or a hold-up, or a head-on collision, and the music reporter may have been detailed to "cover" it, and the paper goes to press at four, and who cares about the music, anyhow?

As a matter of fact there is only one paper on this continent whose business it is to collect from world-wide sources in its own hand, news items of interest to musicians. On every paper most of the dailies from James Bay to the Gulf of Mexico depend for much of their music news of more than merely local bearing, and it is ribtickling to notice the shifts to which some of them resort to cover their plagiarisms. For all such the New York Musical Courier has laid a temptingly baited trap. The catch has been large, according to the Courier.

Here is the bait hung up in a recent issue: "The Moscow composer Shtelotsev has finished a curious new musical work, which is one-third opera, one third symphony and one-third oratorio. The opus is called "Crommorf Rethie" ("The Rise of the Croumorf") and takes over five hours in performance."

Then the nearest editors of the Courier employed several press clipping bureaus and made a list of the newspapers that copied the item without acknowledging its source. The list includes English and German, as well as American victims. One paper printed the item as a cable dispatch from Moscow, while another predicted that this triple jointed invention would soon be heard in London. Those who would taste the kernel of the joke have only to spell Shtelotsev backwards. The

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