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Larger than Massachusetts, Rhode
Island and Concectient combined.
It lies in the latitude of Northern
rrance, Southern England, Hollahd,
Belgium and Prussia.
It is as home from Visconia.

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It is as long from Victoria at the south to Cape Scott at the north as from Toronto to Montreal, or from Ottawa to the Atlantic seaboard.

It forms one half of the Pacific frontier of Canada.

It is as long from north to south as

Manitoba is. It has the finest climate of any

It is the most luxuriously timbered egion in North America.

region in North America.

It contains in proportion to its area more timber adapted for building purposes than any other part of the world.

It contains an immense coal field of high quality.

It contains vast deposits of iron

re.
It contains mines of gold, silver

It contains mines of gold, silver and copper and countless deposits of these metals as yet unexploited. It has great stores of limestone, marble and building stone.

It has great halibut banks along its shores and the finest salmon fisheries in the world.

eries in the world.

It has many tracts of agricultural land of the highest fertility.

It is admirably adapted for fruit

It is an ideal locality for dairying

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of life are easy and pleasant.

If some one should announce tomorrow that an island, of which half morrow that an island, of which half as much as above could be said with truth, had been discovered some-where in the ocean, there would be a rush of population to it. The difficulty with Vancouver Is-land is that it has been known ex-ternally for a century, but has only been discovered internally for a few

years.

There is not a place in the world more worthy of development than this Island.

Pity is akin to love; but it is a

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That the University Club of Nei-son beg to recommend to the Govern-ment of British Columbia: that im-mediate steps be taken to provide, by endowment, for the establish-ment, equipment and maintenance of provincial university; that such adowment, to be ample for the needs f such a university, should consist of the revenues from not less than ten million acres of land; that in the meantime the Government should es-tablish as soon as possible, a thor-oughly equipped school of mines, and should add to it as fast as possible, departments for the teaching of all branches of applied science, which are of special value in the develop-ment of the industries of this prov-ince. We beg to point out that in the absence of such institutions, a hardship is inflicted on the boys and young men of British Columbia, inas-nuch as they must either leave the province to secure such training as sitions in any procession, or submit to permanent disqualification for such positions. meantime the Government should es-

position.

"Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. the Premier of British Columbia."

ABOUT TOWN.

Very good progress is reported by the Collecting Committee of the Ag-ricultural Association, and the pros-pects for a good showing this year

Diligent search has failed to dis Dungent search has failed to discover whence proceeded the opposition to the construction of the new C. P. R. wharf, which the Marine and Fisheries Department seems to have heard about. Who has been [*knocking*?*?

All inducations point to a very busy season in the building trade. Last year the fear of labor troubles pre-ing done. Let us hope that wiser ing done elt us hope that wiser counsels will prevail this year.

as to the early beginning of railway building on this Island have been cur-rent for several weeks. One thing very sure, namely, that capital stands ready for the work when a moderate amount of government aid is forth-

The road that comes up from the shore past the Old Men's Home should be prolonged to meet an extension of Richardson Street. The distance from Moss Street to Charles by the Fair-field Road is too long to be un-bushen.

Permanent sidewalks on Birdeage Permanent sidewalks on Birdeage Walk and Menzies Streets are said to next in order. The road to the Ross Bay Cemetery calls for inundiate at-tention. It is excessively muddy in winter and excessively dasty in sum-ner. If it is true that the transway company is going to lay its rails out that way this year, improvements of the carriage way will have to be de-ferred; but if not, something should be done at the earsiiest possible day.

new steamer is to be built for the Quarantine Station at a cost of \$75,000. This ought to provide a vessel of sufficient power for all purposes, one that could go to sea in any place or in any weather. This, following closely upon the heels of the Clallam inquiry, will produce an excellent feeling on the community, it is understood that both Senator Templeman and Mr. Riley were impressed very soon after the inquiry began of the necessity for asking for such a vote, and, as will be remembered, the coroner's jury strongly recommended it. the Quarantine Station at a cost of \$75,000. This ought to provide a

On Wednesday when returning from putting out a small blaze at the Lemon & Gonnason lumber mill the Victoria West chemical engine and hose eart stuck on the hill leading up to the fire hall. One of the horses refused to haul and the other is too small for the work though quite willing. The driver was compelled to turn round and go back by way of the school house.

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The University Question.
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The Dominion Hotel is to have an additional storey, which recalls arbetter story. When the energetic proprietor has some earsls printed a few years ago, he had a picture on them, which represented the hotel as it is to be, not exactly as it is. One day a little Finnish lad, who was being expressed through the hotel to be, and though the high property of the proper a little Finnish lad, who was being expressed through to his parents in Alaska, was sent to the Dominion for saffe-keeping until the steamer sailed. Mine Host, seeing the lettle fellow about to start out for a ramble, handed his one of the eards referred to and conveyed to him as best he could, seeing that neither understood a word that the other was saying, that he should come back to the house shown on the eard. The youngster took the eard in his hand, walked into the street, counted the walked into the street, counted the three storeys of the house, then counted the four storeys depicted on the card, and coming back laid the card upon the desk with a grave shake of his head. Mine Host Stephen proposes hereafter to live up to that

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Report of the Royal Bank of Canada is one of the handsomest publications of the kind that has been issued in a long time. This bank has fifteen branches in Nova Scotia, eleven in New Brunstime. This bank has fifteen branches in Nova Scotin, eleven in Now Brunswick, two in Prime Edward Island, four in Quebec, three in Ontario, nine in British Columbia, one in New-foundland, two in Cuba, and two in the United States, or forty-nine in all. It has other regular connections in Great Britain, the United States, Mexico, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Spain, Switzerland, China, Japan and Australia. Its deposits and current loans show a very substantial increase in business during 1963. As an illustration of the security in which the public have for the note issue of a bank, it may be mentioned that, in the case of the Royal, in addition to the deposit with the Dominion Government which all banks make to secure their circulation, this is probably the case with all our banks and it illustrates why it is that a Canadian bank bill is always as good as gold. Accompanying the report are some twenty pages of statistical information relating to the Dominion, a new and very useful feature. new and very useful feature

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to this reason of forther the interests secretary. The matter was looked upon in a favorable light by those present who were desirous to do all in thir power to further the interests of the locality, and if the formation of a municipality would be of a practical benefit, no doubt the ratepayers would endose the scheme. A letter was read from T. W. Paterson, M. P.P., endorsing the scheme and promising assistance. It was decided on motion to adjourn for three weeks. In the meantime the secretary is to secure all the information possible and to secure the andited accounts of other municipalities.

Frank, the young Japanese, who has been engaged with Mr. W. A. Armstrong for the last two years, is leaving for Japan for the seat of war. There are thirty other Japaney ese going at the same time on the Empress for the same purpose.

of The Week.

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Mr. Chamberlain has begun his homeward journey, and the disquiet-ing rumors as to his health have not been renewed. During his tour abroad the fiscal movement has made very little progress. If there is any change to note it is rather adverse to Chamberlain's proposals.

W. R. ricarst is gaining ground as a presidential candidate, but it is to be hoped for the sake of popular government that he will never get any further than a nomination. His campaign is based on "cheeke and cheque-book," according to a New York paper, and these things go a long way with a great many people. W. R. nearst is gaining ground as presidential candidate, but it is to

Weather conditions all over the continent appear to have been more satisfactory during the past week, although thunder storms are reported although thunder storms are reported from the Eastern provinces and Ne-vada has had a tornado, both being unusual occurrences at this season. The very severe winter is about breaking up. What connection there was between our terrestrial storms and the terrifie solar storms, which leave great holes in the sun's cover-ing has yet to be explained, but the coincidence is noteworthy.

The Duke of Cambridge died on Wednesday in the S5th year of his age. He was grandson of George III. and hence cousin to the late Queen. He entered the army when little more He entered the army when little more than a lad, serving in the Crimea with distinction. For years he was commander-in-heit. He was married to an extress by whom he had two sons. The marriage was never officially recognized, although his sons were recognized by the Royal Family, and his wife was visited by Queen Victoria. He was very much liked by all classes. His title dies with him.

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"Another week of preparation" tells the whole story of the war for the past seven days. At least that is all the censorship allows to be made public. The Russian generals are boasting of what they are going to do. One of them expresses the hope that peace will only be made in Tokio; another is not going to be satisfied until the dapanese have been driven into the sea. Talk is cheap even in the Russian language. Mean-while all is not serene in Russia it-self, where signs of discontent are daily manifest. Sweden is mobilizing its forces, but just why is not apparent. True Finland is chaffing under the rule of the Caz, but it is hardly possible that Sweden dreams of extending her territories to the borders reached a century or so ago. Yet during the last week there have been predictions that the Russian Emitie will you to pieces as a result. Sidney.

Mr. Frank Hewit has gone to Vancouver. He will be greatly missed in social and literary circles.

Mr. Campbell is at the Islands viscolia social and bear of the second of the war with Japan.

Shipments of lumber are now being made from the yard; otherwise he sawmill is at a standstill.

G. A. Keefer, C.E., Dominion Government Engineer, visited Sidney to day and inspected the ground for the construction of the breakwater.

Work will be commenced next Work will be commenced next Work, will have charge of the construction work.

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"What sort of a dog is he?"
"Almost human."
"Heavens! As near as that?"

Truth.

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"Truth" makes no special claim to being a newspaper in so far as the news of the day is concerned, but it published on Friday last and com-mented upon the fact that Hill and Morgan had lost the "Merger case." The daily papers had the news on the following Tuesday.

Old-timers tell us that they used to have better weather thirty years ago. If this is true, there was no excuse for such performances as D. W. H. tells about in his diverting tales. Weather such as we have had for the last month would justify pretty nearly anything.

"Stand by me when I'm right!
Man alive, the Grits will do that.
What I want is some one who will
stand by me when I'm wrong." This
observation is attributed to Sir John
Macdonald, and it expresses what
many less bold leaders think but are
afraid to say.

The funinest thing in this vale of tears is the assumption of social superiority indulged in by some amiable people on this continent. It is not difficult to understand that in Europe one part of the community should be thought a little higher than another; but in America, where the laborer's so in may become a financial magnate, and the "washlady" may, if caught young enough, spire to become a social dictator, it is a pretty good plan to take people as you find them. The funinest thing in this vale of

The funniest person is the superior individual who claims to be independent in politics: He is usually simply diagruntled, and his independence usually consists in saying meaner things about his former friends than their opponents would think of saying.

The funinest notion is that the world owes every man a living. Don't make this mistake, young man, of supposing that you laid the community under an obligation by being born. The world would have got along very comfortably without you.

The Rossland Evening World thinks the new transcentinental ter-minus will be a great rival to the other coast cities. Not so. The new city will develop its own business. The World also thinks we need a rail-way running up the coast around the heads of the various inlets. To build this would be almost a super-human heads of the various inlets. To build this would be almost a superhuman task and unnecessary because the same purpose can be served by a railway up Vancouver Island and a system of car-ferries. The woll-likewise thinks that a railway built from some point in Kootenay north-ward as far as Deese Lake would be a great thing for the country and open a splendid mining region. This is entirely right. The World talks about Butte Inlet. There is no such water as Butte Inlet. There is a Butte Inlet. about Butte Inlet. The water as Butte Inlet. Bute Inlet.

EDIT ... 6 ... 6 enfwysphryfmue When told that it was proposed to change the name of this paped to "Progress," a gentleman laughed and said: "The idea of expecting progress in Victoria." During the progress in Victoria." During the very few years the gentleman refer-red to has been resident here, he has made considerable progress and is in a fair way of making more: yet he seems to have contracted that pessi-mism, which afflicts a number of Vic-torians. Nothing hurts a town more than that sort of thing. There is capi-il enough in this place to accomplish tal enough in this place to accomplish wonders, but most of it is divorced from enterprise. Seattle never would

Hydraulie Mining Company, returned a year or more ago, he predicted that the next great rush of gold miners would be in that direction, and it was to be in a position to provide means of transportation that he promoted the incorporation of the B. C. Northern and Makeenzle Valley Railway Sompany. Mr. Haskins has on their occasions given evidence of a semi-prophetic instinct in regard to mining development, and it would not surprise those, who know him best, to learn that he has again made a prediction that will be borne out by events.

It is stated that all recent anti-Japanese legislation passed by the Legislature of this province will be disallowed with very little delay. This seems altogether probable, and it is not easy to see how any one could have expected anything else. The re-lations between the British Empire and Japan are of the most friendly character, and it is impossible to sup-pose that minor legislative bodies can be permitted to act in a manner eal-culated to disturb them. There is a constitutional question involved in the legislation referred to. Neither political party in this province can claim any advantage over the other on this question. We are on party lines now, and the Conservative party in Canada is in the same boat as the Liberal party in this respect. It is stated that all recent anti

The treaty-making power is being discussed at Ottawa and a somewhat hysterical tendency is manifested over it in some quarters. The suggestion that Canada shall make her own commercial treaties is not a new one. It is a quarter of a contrave did. one. It is a quarter of a century old, at least. It has been supported by Conservatives as well as Liberals. at least. It has been supported by Conservatives as well as Liberals. When the first protective tariff was passed, Lord Lorne, then Governor-General, asked the Colonial Office whether he should reserve the Bill for Her Majesty's assent, and was told to follow the advice of the Canadian Ministry. This was a long step towards the recognition of the right of Canadians to make their own commercial arrangements with other countries. It may as well be understood now as at any time that the people of Canadia are the masters of their own destines. They can be trusted to exercise the right in such a manner that the integrity of the Empire will not be endangered. Those who watch events in the United Kingdom must long age have been convinced that the staesmen of that country have quite enough to do without seeking to manage the remainder of the dominions of His Majesty confer the dominions of His Majesty confer the dominions of His Majesty confered the dominion of His Majesty confered the domini out seeking to manage the remainder of the dominions of His Majesty, con of the dominions of His Majestly, con-cerning which they are too oftet ignorant. There was a time when i-ery of "treason" was raised becaus some people protested against Down ing Street dictation. Self-governmen will be the end of British connection said the ultra-loyal folk of thos days.

Parliament is in session, and the indications are that not much contentions business is likely to occupy its attention, apart from the modifications in the Grand Trunk Pacific contract. Just how much debate this will call for remains to be seen. The Opposition are in duty bound to retificize the changes, but it is to be hoped that they will not consider themselves called upon to thresh out the whole question anew. The position of the Conservative party on this subject is not quite consistent. Berden is as much committed to the Parliament is in session, and the the whole question anew. The position of the Conservative party on this
subject is not quite consistent. Mr.
Borden is as much committed to the
construction of a new transcontinental line as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He
went on record in this regard when
he moved his substitute proposals as
an amendment to the Government's
plan. The difference between his and
Sir Wilfrid is on details. The inconsistency in his party's attitude
lies in the fact that the Conservative press assails the whole project,
in which assault it is backed up by
the so-called "independent" press,
which treats the public to a lot of
owl-like wisdom about transportation
problems, the nature of which it is
careful not to specify. The position
of the Government is a confortable
one. The revenue is buoyant; busimess conditions throughout the comtry are satisfactory; the several
ministers are handline their dozen. wonders, but most of it is divorced from enterprise. Seatthe never would have been more than a little saw-mill of the Government is a confortable town if her people had made up their minds twenty-five years ago that mose conditions throughout the counters that men, who have more than money to live on, should jeepardize their all in business ventral properties of the counters; but it is not too much to ask those, who can or will do nothing hemselves, to stop throwing cold water upon the efforts of others.

News comes of a rich strike on the lead waters of the Liard River, and a rush of moderate dimensions has set into that remote region. When spring comes, if the report is confined, bundereds and perhaps thousands of people will go up the Stikine to the new grounds. When Mr. J. W. Haskins, who was upon the Liard waters in the interest of the Rosella find an administration in any country jeet.

Sit down on Saturday night and see how much you can remember out of the hundred or more columns of "news" that you have read during the week, and you will be surprised how little of it has stuck in your memory. This is not an argument against daily papers, which necessarily print a lot of matter in which only certain individuals, and which they alone charge their memories with; but it affords one of the reasons why the daily press of to-day is not as influential as the weekly press of our father's time. A modern daily paper covers so much ground that it can only touch matters of opinion cursorily. It is beginning to be recognized everywhere that the vocation of the daily paper is to publish news only. This will bring about the establishment of weekly papers devoted entedly to expression of opinion. It will also add to the influence of white greateness which has of lates. tanisment of weekly papers devoted ed enterly to expression of opinion. It will also add to the influence of public speakers, which has of late been declining, owing to the manner in which an subjects were handled by the daily papers.

The estimates for the next fiscal year submitted to Parliament call for an expenditure of about \$75,000,000. This is a large amount of money but apparently the country can afford it. The revenue is very buoyant, as is shown by the fact that there will be approximately The revenue is very buoyant, as is shown by the fact that there will be a surplus of some \$20,000,000 this year. Three courses lie open to the Government. One is to reduce the revenue, which can only be done by reducing the taruf, or by increasing it to such a percentage as will reduce imports. But business conditions are very satisfactory now and such an interference with them is undesirable. A second course is to let the surplus revenue accumulate in the simking funds will take care of themselves. A third course is to spend the money as it comes in, and that is what the Government proposes to do. No one feels the burden of taxation, and it is wise policy to make the public words. is wise policy to make the public service as perfect as possible. There-fore the exceptionally large esti-mates, especially as they involve no increase of taxation, are a subject

THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA. Is it the Open Ocean and Have Bel-

Upon its Waters?

It is understood that the Attorney General of this Province holds the Straits of Juan de Fuca are as much Straits of Juan de Puca are as much a part of the open sea as are the Straits of Dover. The opinion of the Attorney-General does not settle the law and is valuable only as the expression of the view held by a gentleman of standing at the Bar, but it does determine the line of action which will be followed in the administration of justice under his regime. It also establishes a precedent which his successors in office might feel his successors in office might feel constrained to follow. It is therefore important that public attention should be directed to the question, which, though only of academic interwhich, though only of academic inter-est at present, may assume a prac-tical shape at any moment. In pass-ing it may be said that this question is one of a class, which can be better discussed in the columns of a weekly periodical than in a daily newspaper, and it is among other things, by the dispassionate treatment of matters of this nature that it is hoped the public will see that there is an im-portant field of journalism that has hitherto been unoccupied in this Province.

It is conceded that a vessel in the Straits of Dover more than three miles from the British coast is under the law of its own flag. That is, if an offence is committed upon such a ves-sel the offender is to be tried under offence is committed upon such a vessel the offender is to be tried under the laws of the country whose flag the ship carries, and not otherwise. If the Straits of Juan de Fuca are the same in this respect as the Straits of Jover, it follows that, if a foreign ship puts into the Quarantine Station and from that point sails for Vancouver, it is under the law of its own flag from about fifteen minutes safter it leaves Quarantine until about half an hour before it reaches Vancouver, it is under the brief period when passing between the Islands, gwhen it will be under British or Unities of States law according as it may be no noe side or the other of the ceatre of the channel. Hence if an alien on a ship flying, let us say, the flag of Morocco, should kill a British subject at any time on the voyage be-

conver, except as above excepted, he would be amenable to the laws of Morocco and to those laws only. It Morocco and to those laws only. It also follows that a ship of United States registry, taking the inside passage to Alaska, is subject to the laws of the United States when more laws of the United States when more than three miles from shore, which means that she would be passing from jurisdiction to jurisdiction on jurisdiction with almost every change of course. These are the extraordinary, and wholly needless, conditions which would follow if the opinion attributed to the Attorney-General is accepted as the law. But there is another aspect of the

case, which is of more general interest, namely, as to the rights of bel-ligerents in the Straits and the watligerents in the Straits and the waters reached thereby. If the Russian Baltie fleet sails for the Orient by way of the Straits of Dover and is intercepted there by a Japansee fleet, it will be conceded that there is nothing in international or any other law to prevent a sea-fight from taking place there, in which easy the three-naile limit would be very promptly disregarded by both parties, and it is difficult to imagine that either Great Britain or France would consider such a disregard as amounting to a violation of the laws of neutrality. It will be conceded that, if a Russian war vessel put into either Dover or vessel put into either Dover or its because of stress of weather, panese war vessel would have the Calais been a Japanese war vessel would have the right to lie out in the Straits beyond the three-mile limit and wait for her to come out and then and there give her battle. Do these conditions hold good of the Straits of Juan de Fuca? They must if the cases of the two straits are parallel, in which event vessels of the powers now belligerent in the Orient may any day sail up the Straits and fight off Trial Island, where the Callam's boats were lowstraits are parallel, in which event research of the powers now belligerent to the content may any day sail up to straits and fight off Trial Island, where the Callam's boats were lowdered. Or a vessel of one of the belligerent may part into Victoria or Port Angeles and a vessel of the other legisterint may wait for it out in the Straits, until the hours of grace allowed to a belligerent vessel in a neutral port have expired. It is submitted that we are not driven to accept any such conclusion.

The Straits of Dover and the Straits of Juan de Fues are not similar in relation to the open sea and remarks the straits of Juan de Fues are not similar in relation to the open sea and the nations of the world. The former are the highway by which the commerce of nearly half of Europe

must pass to reach the Atlantic. sovereignty over Hudson's Bay. One They unite the North Sea with the of the reasons given by the Privy ocean. All the nations of the world Council in the case above referred have a common interest in them, and to for holding that Conception Bay for any one nation to claim sovering the control of the content of the control of the security over them, except so far as is is government. Had exercised sovabsolutely necessary for the security or given the security or the security or the proposed of the bordering state, would be an absurdity that would never be propounded, or, if propounded, would never be allowed for a moment. But the Straits of Juan de Fuea are not a highway between two great open seas. They do not lead to waters bordered by several independent states. Bejfunn, Holland, Germany and Denmar's border on the North Sea, as well before the stream of the season as France and Great Britain—hence plicitely to what part of the inland the latter cannot sustain a claim to waters and under what circumstances sovereignty over the Straits of Dover, the criminal jurisdiction of the Courts because they own the shores, to the of Canada or those of the United prejudies of the former. The nations States respectively shall apply. This which own how the straits suggestion is made because of the of Juna de Fuen own all the territory unique nature of the geographical yave notice to the world that they to be exceedingly difficult to apply gave notice to the world that they claimed ownership in the waters and under normal territorial conditions. Proceeded to divide them, which own how the summary of the provided that the law gives the ership and division were recognized submitted that the law gives the ership and division were recognized submitted that the law gives the ership and division were recognized by the summary of the provided that the law gives the ership and division were recognized in the submitted latter and that these emitted in the provided successive the summary of the summ

powers is engaged are neutral waters It is further submitted that these two It is further submitted that these two powers ought to give notice to the world that these waters are to be re-garded as territorial and therefore closed to other belligerent powers ex-cept in strict accordance with the rules of International law as to neu-

Britain and the United States, so far as ships of these powers are concerned, which treaty might define explicitly to what part of the inland waters and under what circumstances the criminal jurisdiction of the Courts of Canada or those of the United States respectively shall apply. This suggestion is made because of the unique nature of the geographical situation, to which it will be found to be exceedingly difficult to apply the rules which work well enough under normal territorial conditions. As to the ships of other powers, it is submitted that the law gives the

Lecture Recital.

Mr. Hugh Kennedy will give a lecture recital in the Institute Hall, View street, on Tuesday evening, the 5th of April, assisted by Miss Fairall, pianist; Mrs. H. Walshe Windle and Mrs. Hamilton Foot, accompanists; Dr. Nash, violin; Dr. Cobbett, viola; Master Bertie Foot, accompanists; Dr. Nash, violin; Dr. Cobbett, viola; Master Bertie Foot, elelo. The programme will be as follows: Three Old Songs, Mr. Hugh Kennedy; (a) Etide No. 12, Opus 10 (Chopin), (b) Toccato (Chaminade), Miss Fairall; Aria from an Opera, Mr. Kennedy; Adagio from Quartette, Opus 16, (Beethoven), Mrs. Windle, Messrs, Nash, Cobbett and Foot; Aria from an Oratorio, Mr. Kennedy; Valse Brilliante, (Wieniawski), Miss Fairall; Three Modern Art Songs, Mr. Kennedy; Le Cygne (Saint-Saens), Bertie Foot; Archibald Douglas (Loewe) Mr. Kennedy.

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Victoria Camp, No. 52, will hold their regular meeting this Friday evening, when one or two candidates will be up for initiation. After busiwill be up for initiation. After business the members and their friends will be entertained by the ladies of Columbia Circle. During the evening a presentation will be made of a jewel to the Past Guardian, of the Circle. This jewel is being presented by Sovereign Pennock in fulfillment of a promise made by him just after the organization of the circle.

AO. U. W.

The committee having in hand the arrangements for the benefit concert in aid of the Convalescent Home met nest evening and reported satisfact-ory progress. Some of the best tal-ent in the city have kindly consent-ed to assist on that occasion. Several donations of refreshments have al-ready been promised. A successful evening is assured. last evening and reported satisfact-

Juvenile Sons of England.

certainly is master of the instrument, and as an accompanis was in tonch with both singers and soloists and indispensible. The concert was a funcial success. The committee who had charge of the arrangements wish to thank all who so readily helped to bring the concert to a successful issue, especially Mr. Boscowitz for free use of the theatre and the army of ticket sellors; the printers for their help, and last but not least, the singers and last but not least, the singers and hard army of the self-cors; the printers for their help, and last but not least, the singers and hard the army of these sellors; the most ardious.

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Lodge will have an "at home" on Friday ovening, March 25th.

The next event in the annals of the order will be a visit from the brethern of Duncan Lodge on the evening of April 9th, when a special meeting of the city lodges is to be held and the three degrees conferred on an initiate member of Duncan Lodge. Committees from the three lodges have been appointed to devise form of entertainment for the visitors. Committees are also being Congress from the First District of the pleasure of a visit in the near the properties of the pl

some form of entertainment for the visitors. Committees are also being appointed to consider the best mode of observing the 25th of April this year (the aniversary of the order). Wire netting is to be placed in the hall, near the roof, to prevent accident in case some of the plaster-off-paris ornaments should take a notion to drop (an unlikely occurrence) during the progress of some of the social dances which are to be made a feature of the lodge entertainments there in future.

Ladies of the Maccab

Ladies of the Maccabees.

Monday evening last an interesting meeting of Queen Alexandra Hive was held at the Alexandra College. Following routine business the reception of new members took place, and several applications for membership were received. An interesting Victoria Lodge, No. 46, held their regular meeting Thursday, March 19th. There were two initiations and it being the quarterly meeting there was a large attendance. All sons of English parents between the ages of 18 high parents high parents between the ages of 18 high parents high Mr. Herbert Taylor, in his usual T. U. work when she started out as a textensionary. Whis a transfer on north to south, from north to south from north to south from north to south from north on south from north on south from north to south from north to south from north to south from north on south f

wrat usb Sagues. were Mr. Ross Munro, Miss MeThe flourishing condition of the Gregor, Mrs. Belyea, Miss King, Mr.
above society is being remarked by Burnett, Mrs. Millar, Mr. W. T. Wilnot only the Eagles themselves. The liams, Mr. Herbert Kent and Mr. W.
many commendable actions of this K. Houston. The chair was ably fillbody in alleviating distress and the eager and fervent manner in such they combine their work in connec-tion with all their undertakings, be

Exhipts of Pythias.

Interest in Victoria Lodge, No. 17, is not lagging, as is evidenced by the good attendance at its session on Thursday when a large amount of important business was transacted. Thursday when a large amount of important business was transacted amongst some of the items was the advancement of one Esquire to trank of Esquire the Island of the end to the data trank to the Esquire to the short of the esquire the failed triumph of Home Rule exists of the evening being an oration of the evening being an oration of the evening being an oration of the esquire the fail triumph of Home Rule exists of the evening being an oration of the esquire the actual trank of the evening being an oration of the esquire the esquire the faile

dead.

Local Eagles are looking forward
to the pleasure of a visit in the near
future from the Hon. Timothy D. Sallivan, a member of the United States
Congress from the First District of
New York, and who is the Grand
Worthy President of the F. O. E. It
is received by averaged with the he will be is generally expected that he will be present at the dedication of the mag nificent new Eagle hall at Seattle and Victoria Eagles have taken time and Victoria Engles have taken time by the forelock and have extended a most pressing invitation to their dis-tinguished executive head to include in the itinerary of his continental tour a visit to this city. Should the in-vitation be accepted, a monster pub-lic entertainment will be arranged for the occasion. A pleasing feature at the last meeting of the Acrie was a short address delivered by Worthy Past President E. E. Leason. A spontaneous and quite lengthy "Yea! spontaneous and quite lengthy "Yea Yea!" greeted the arrivel of Past President Thos. Brayshaw as he made

X. M. C. A.

Last night Mr. Nelson, the chairman of the Physical Committee, called together all those interested for
the purpose of organizing teams for
the coming season. Preliminary committees were appointed to work up
lacrosse, baseball, athletic and tennis.
Lnese committees are to report to
another general meeting on Thursday next. Those desirous of playing
either of the above mentioned games
are invited to hand in their names
to the general secretary or to the
chairman of committees.

St. Andrew's Ladies.

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Irish concerts, like Irish people, are generally popular. So it proved on Tuesday evening when a full house, mostly Scotch, assembled in the lecture room of St. Andrew's to be entertained with Irish songs, etc. Miss Lawson's recitations were perhaps the best, but every selection was well received, many getting well-deserved encores. Those who took part were Mr. Ross Munro, Miss McGregor, Mrs. Belyea, Miss King, Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Millar, Mr. W. T. Williams, Mr. Horbert Kent and Mr. W.

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ful to Thomas Moore, the sweet

inger and patriot.
One noticeable fe able feature of the Irisl One noticeable feature of the Irish race in ancient times was the position enjoyed by women—it was in fact equal to that of man. Ireland then led in art and science and it was undoubtedly this that attracted invaders and the inroads of the Dance ensued. The lecturer here rendered a tribute to Brian Boru, who was a creat soldier, a sincere patriot, a wise great soldier, a sincere patriot, a wise ruler and above all a devout Chris

With a brief reference to the annexation of Ireland to England under Henry II. he went on to speak of the land question. "A mistaken notion pervades many," said he 'that the Irish Land Question is as sociated with partisanship. It is not a party question, but a national question." Stormy times began and sociated with partisanship. It is not a party question, but a national question." Stormy times began and continued in Ireland which did not end with the hopeful accession of James I. The ever-glorious corator Grattan withnessed the extinction of the Irish Parliament. After dealing at some length with the career of the great patriot, Daniel O'Connell, Mr. McPhillips talked of the Hompe Rule agrited no style grifted Charles Stewart Parnell and afterwards by W. E. Gladstone, Due credit was given the latter for his unceasing and not altogether unsuccessful efforts on behalf of Home Rule exists, to-day. The severe trials Ireland end triumph of Home Rule exists, to-day. The severe trials Ireland end, dured eaused its depopulation. It was reduced nearly one-half in sixty years. Ireland's great sons in all parts of the world and in every walk of life came in for their share of propers. "Canada points with pride to 1'Arcy McGee, Hon. E. Blake and the Right Hon. Sir John Thompson," said the orator, and he wound up with the patriotic words: "Let the

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dist parsonage was the scene of a very interesting gathering. The mem-bers and friends of the congregation, to the number of forty, had agreed to the number of forty, had agreed to surprise the pastor and his wife and to leave a substantial testimonial of their good will behind. This they did. The evening was spent with games, music .etc., and the company and the pastor parted after mutual felicitations.

relicitations.

Resc. C. H. M. Sutherland, of Mt. hits.

Pleasant. Vancouver, is preaching anniversary sermons on Sunday, Marely.

The concert in the opera house.

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The concert in the opera house on Stonday evening under the anspices of the First Pressiyterian Church was a great seezes. Nothing had been left undone, and those who find been left undone, and those who find the management of the concert are been left undone, and those who find the management of the concert are to be congratulated. The following was the programme: Piano solo, Miss Brycuer; song, 'Jessu Lover of My Soul,'' Mr. D. Roberts: recita-tion, selected, Miss Leisk; song, ''Wait,'' Miss Glaholm: vocal duct, ''Larboard Watch,'' Messrs. J. Evans and T. Lewis; song, ''For All "Wait," Miss trian."
"Larboard Watch," Messrs.
"Larboard T Lewis; song, "For All Elernity," Mrs. Boyle; banjo solo, Miss Bryden; song, "The Old Brigade." Mr. Gould; song, "The Idler," Mr. T. Lewis; recitation. Miss Leisk; vocal due," in Gates of the West," watson and Boyle; song, "Evans; vocal duet, "Ine Gates of the West," Mesdames Watson and Boyle; song, "In Old Madrid," Mr. J. Evans; song, selected, Miss Glaholm; song, "Helping the Maple Leaf to Grow,"

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Oowichan.

The meeting held in the Agricultural Hall, Duncans, to eelebrate the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was very fairly attended. The Rev. J. A. Leskey was in the charr, and short addresses were given by the Revs. W. N. Carr, C. M. Tate, W. C. Schlichter, Mr. J. N. Evans, M.P.P., and Dr. Rolston. These speeches brought out many interesting particulars of the great great work accomplished by this society. Though a hundred years old it is by no means decrepted.

The Cowichan Central Liberal Association held its annual meeting in

sociation held its annual meeting in the Agricultural building, Duncans, on Monday, the 14th inst. Only routine business was to the fore. Mr. J. McL. Campbell was re-elected Presint, and A. A. Herd, Treasurer-Sec

dent, and Å. A. Herd, Treasurer-Secretary.
On Wednesday, the 9th inst., a Chinaman was killed by a falling three on Mr. W. Forrest's farm, South Cowichan. He was one of a gang getting out ties for the Electric Tramway Company, Victoria. Coroner Noreross held an inquiry. He found that the poor fellow's death was due to his own want of skill and care, and therefore did not hold an inquest.

Victoria's Trade.

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the minister; Rev. Mr. Taylor addressed the congregation; Rev. Mr. Taylor addressed the congregation; Rev. Mr. They are furnished in oak, electric furnished. They are furnished in oak, electric furnished in oak

gregation are to be congratulated in their new pastor.

Current rumor points to the installation of an electric plant at stallation of an electric plant at Courtenay Falls of sufficient magnitude to supply all the mines in this liceality as well as equip the short line road between here and the wharf at Union Bay. at Union Bay.

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There is town talk of a large number of dwellings to be erected shortly by a number of gentlemen interested. The city is short on desirable buildings for dwellings. Much regret is being expressed that the popular manager of Simon

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