TURNING ON THE LIGHT.

Opening his stumping tour at Nelson, Comrade Hawthornthwaite made some interesting statements in elucidation of the programme, purposes and aims of the Socialist party. According to the report of the Daily News the Comrade declared that the only use he had for the Tories was to lead them on, as a continuance of Tory administration would accomplish more than anything he knew of towards bringing in the glad reign of socialism. In pursuance of this programme, and keeping strictly in view the principles and aims of Socialism as interpreted by the versatile leader of conveniently elastic mind, Mr. Hawthornthwaite said the deal that was made for the Kaien Island lands was an excellent one. "I had nothing to do with the people concerned in it or their dirty ways. My concern was only with the deal and as it was an excellent one I supported it. It is the best deal of the kind I ever knew. From a capitalistic viewpoint the deal was all right and the Socialist party was not in a position to make any other fight. If it can be shown to me, and I have heard some things since I came down here, that Green has done wrong, I will do all that I can to put him out of business. I will put him out of business anyway, in good time, but don't mistake me, I will not put him or any one else out of business for the good of the Liberal party; I am not such a fool as all that." There is the gospel of Socialism according to Apostle or Comrade Hawthornthwaite. This candid leader has not been elected to serve the province, but to advance the sacred cause of Socialism. He has nothing to do with the government or with the dirty ways of the peculiar people behind it. His remarks convey the impression that the Comrade believes the dirtier the ways of the class who have transactions with the government, the more apparent the necessity for the revolution he advocates and the sooner will dawn the day when the red flag to which he uncovers his noble head will float over the Parliament buildings. Still in his peculiar utterances the Comrade betrays his true feelings. He is not such a fool as to turn the Tories and their friends of dirty ways out in order to let the Liberals in. He evidently believes in his heart that the Liberal party would give the province clean, honest government, and that just in the degree that British Columbia was given good government would the cause of Socialism lose ground and the graft of its candid but far from high-purposed leader be endangered. But what a pitiful thing politics is made to appear and what unlovely objects politicians are in the light of the utterances and revelations of the Socialist leader!

A DISCOMFITED PARTY.

If the evidence placed before the committee of the House of Commons was not sufficient to effectively dissipate one of the scandals unearthed by a too vigilant opposition, the testimony of Premier Scott of Saskatchewan ought to be convincing as proceeding from a gentleman having special knowledge of the matter dealt with. Speaking at the banquet tendered Mr. Brodeur in Montreal Mr. Scott said: "With regard to some of these questions which have been talked about at Ottawa this year, I have either no knowledge or very incomplete knowledge. But there is one of them about which I have knowledge—namely, the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company transaction. I knew the tract of land in which lies the area sold to the company before the transaction, and I know the same tract of land now. For nearly twenty years I have lived at Regina, which is within fifty miles of the tract. Through that tract of land a railway was built in 1890 at the instance of the Conservative government of that day. The road runs from Regina to Prince Albert, roundly 250 miles. Its construction cost roundly $2,750,000, and its construction was accomplished by the sale of bonds in England to the amount of $3,750,000. That is worthy of note. From bonds $3,750,000 was raised to cover the cost of a road which cost only $2,750,000. Note further that the Conservative government to aid the road guaranteed cash payments to the company amounting to $1,600,000, and in addition voted 1,600,000 acres of land. So the road was built and a sort of railway service was given over it. Twelve years later, in 1902, two trains a week each way were running between Regina and Prince Albert, 250 miles, and over 145 miles of that distance—the entire way between the Qu'Appelle valley and the south branch of the Saskatchewan river, where the railway crossed it at Saskatoon, 145 miles—there was not one single city—much less city, not one single town, not even one single village. On that part of the railway there was not one agent or operator. No business, no settlements, no settlers, nothing but an appearance of desolation.

"That was the condition all the way from Lumsden, in Qu'Appelle valley, to Saskatoon, on the Saskatchewan river, 145 miles. Why? Because everybody believed that the land was worthless. Why did they believe so? Mainly because the railway company declared the land to be bad. A patriotic railway company to declare that the territory through which its own road ran was bad and worthless! Well, such was the condition of affairs brought about by Conservative statesmanship, which we are called upon to admire. The present Liberal government in 1902, having failed from 1896 to 1902 to induce one single settler to locate in that area because of its bad name, accepted a proposal made by certain land speculators known as the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, who came and said they were prepared to demonstrate that this land was not worthless. They would buy from the railway the land grant which the railway had until then refused to accept, and they would agree to put a minimum of thirty-two settlers in each township if the government would sell to them at $1 per acre an area of 250,000 acres in the heart of this so-called worthless tract.

"It was done. What result? The reproach is removed. Desolation no longer. Thriving settlements all along the road. A dozen busy towns, where in 1902, after the railway had been operating a dozen years, there was nobody. Our Conservative friends say that this change spells scandal. Well, speaking for Saskatchewan, I say let us have more scandal and less statesmanship. It is this kind of scandal which has doubled Canada's trade and revenues these last ten years. Only give us plenty of the same sort of scandal and Mr. Fielding need have no fear as regards his revenues. These have grown from $35,000,000 when he became Finance Minister to nearly $80,000,000 now. Give us a few more scandals of the kind I have described and in another half dozen years Canada will find her trade again doubled and her revenues still multiplying."

WANTS TO KNOW!

The Vancouver News-Advertiser in the guilelessness of its confiding heart and in complete ignorance of all that has been engaging the attention of the people of British Columbia for the past year or more, rubs its sleepy old eyes and asks what is the meaning of all this fuss about a provincial general election, why should a general election be necessary, what would be gained by turning the present government (which includes the President of the Council) out, and what have the Liberals to offer in the nature of a policy that they should demand an opportunity to prove what they could do for the country?

Is our Vancouver contemporary really not aware of the fact that the members who consider themselves the heart and soul and brains of the administration are going up and down the more remote constituencies spending the public funds and laying private wires in anticipation of something of importance happening within the next few months?

Are not Premier McBride and Hon. R. F. Green on the stump, and have they not a purpose in view in thus "ascertaining the needs of the constituencies?"

Is not the "Socialist leader" upon the political warpath also, and if the President of the Council for good and sufficient reason is kept in ignorance of the designs of his masters, does that imply that Mr. Hawthornthwaite, who is considered worthy of confidence, is also kept in ignorance of what is in contemplation?

Does the News-Advertiser really mean to tell its readers that the man who has kept the government in power for three years, on his own confession to the manifest injury of the province because harm to the province must be a strength and a blessing to the Socialist party—does the Vancouver organ of the government desire to convey the impression that the ranter from Nanaimo has been sent out upon a wild goose quest, that he has not been informed of the intentions of the government and that such intentions do not contemplate dissolution?

Why should Premier McBride appeal to the country, still having a year's lease of power, the province being in a healthy condition, with every prospect of further improvement? Because the leader of the government considers it would be the part of wisdom to choose the lesser of two evils. He knows it would be unsafe to trust the members who were elected to oppose him, who have disregarded the sentiments of their constituents in supporting him, who are beginning to consider what excuse they shall offer when the day of accounting arrives, and who may decide that having made the most of their opportunities in the past, they must square themselves in order to provide for their political future. In the execution of this altruistic programme it might easily come to pass that the government, having forfeited the support of some of the members elected as Conservatives, might find itself in a minority, and in such a far from impossible contingency, the result would be that the Premier would not have an opportunity to appeal to the people as the leader of a government. In such an eventuality Hon. Richard McBride would have as good a chance of success as would one of his friends in the honorable company of adventurers who formed a compact to bestow material blessings on the province by securing possession of Kaien Island and procuring the location thereon of the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

As to what the Liberals have to offer in lieu of the eternal principles so beautifully illustrated in the career of the McBride government and in substitution for the grand personnel embodied in and behind that government, we counsel our preternaturally grave and solemn contemporary to wait and see. One thing we can guarantee: British Columbia under the new regime will not be a province in which parties of the character of the Kaien Islanders can operate with such manifest advantage to themselves and loss to the general community. The Lands and Works Department will be renovated and fumigated; the gang of horse leeches who feast upon the body politic and who flaunt themselves in the face of a disgusted public daily will be forced to seek other fields in which to carry on their operations. And they will travel far ere they discover other public men ready to enter into such another nefarious partnership.

Never in the history of Canada was there more urgent necessity for reform; and, once the public are thoroughly seized of the facts, reforms will be effected and the McBride government will pass, leaving only a foul blot upon the history of the province.

The Argonauts have frequently been on the point of achieving success at Henley, but their opponents have always proved just a trifle too fast for them. We cannot but think that possibly the compliments showered by the British press upon oarsmen from this side of the water are intended as compliments to the American people generally. But when the test is finally made, the fact always remains that British amateur oarsmen are the best in the world.

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Comrade Hawthornthwaite is described in the Colonist as a consistent supporter of the government and his presence on the stump is accepted as conclusive evidence of the imminence of a general election. We should be inclined to describe the allegiance of the member for Nanaimo as inconsistent with the principles of Socialism, but there can be no doubt of the fact that the Comrade has been steady and steadfast in his support of the government, and we are pleased to observe that his services to the cause of Toryism have at last been recognized and admitted.

AMERICAN "HIGH ROLLERS."

The neurotic Mr. Thaw has given the circles in which his class moves in the United States something to read about and to engage their attention for some time. The courts of New York will also have a job on their hands which will last them for quite a little time, will probably be the subject of consideration for some several juries, and with the usual result, which will not be the conviction of the man afflicted with a case of "nerves" of the crime with which he is charged. There are circles in New York, not the "high" circles in which persons such as Thaw move, in which assassinations are frequent and in which it is a point of "honor" with the assailed not to "peach" upon their assailants. Similarly there is a code recognized by New York juries under which certain offences are not considered as demanding punishment. Rather the offenders are set upon pedestals and worshipped as heroes. Thaw is generally considered a worthless character, but he has "good connections" and plenty of money. He slew the alleged violator of the honor of his home, and he must be accorded all the priviliges of a chivalrous gentleman. Which is all very fine from the point of view of the neurotic classes, but those most honorable gentlemen furnish expensive cases for the state to handle as well as excitement for the crowd. Mr. Thaw, if his case be not an exception to the rule, will be tried several times. He will lay the foundation for the fortunes of a few lawyers and finally he will emerge from the Tombs a free mand and be the hero of the select circles in which he shines. But the doings of these "high rollers" create in the minds of normally constituted individuals feelings of antagonism to the exciting order of things political, and as they increase and multiply they will constitute a serious menace to the stability of the state.

The London Times publishes a more than commonly interesting interview with an "eminent" but unnamed Spanish statesman on the subject of King Alfonso, his marriage and the existing political situation in Spain. The King he declared to be an excellent young man, practical and well-intentioned. His political education makes daily progress. Every morning he reads the newspapers, with the most important foreign news carfully marked for him; books, also, in which the questions of the day are discussed. Already, he said, Alfonso could pass a good examination in such matters as the separation between Sweden and Norway, the Austro-Hungarian dispute, the question of Church and State in France, and the recent elections in England. He has already seen more of Spain than any modern Spanish sovereign. Doubtless, if he chose, he could become the absolute ruler of Spain, for the bulk of the people are rather tired of political squabbles, and would acquiesce in a monarchy of the old type. But he is resolutely opposed to anything of the kind. The part of a Ferdinand VII. has no attraction for him. He has read enough of history to know that no monarchs of the nineteenth century had so much real influence as Queen Victoria and her husband and Leopold I. of Belgium—who never transgressed by a hair's breadth the limits of their constitutions. He knows that a people will never be good for anything unless it has a large voice in its own government. In this respect the young Queen, with her English traditions and education, will be of great help to him, according to this observer.

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The President of the United States is going to create another precedent. No other occupant of the chief seat in the republic has broken the unwritten rule which prescribes that the president shall not leave the bounds of the country during the term of his official career. Mr. Roosevelt is going to Panama to personally inspect the ditch and satisfy himself as to whether the dirt is flying as it ought to fly considering the amount of money that has been devoted to the purpose of making it fly. The political enemies of Mr. Roosevelt claim that the purpose of the mission is principally spectacular; but we do not know. The president is energy personified, and he may be able to overcome by example the inertia that seems to lay hold upon labor in that tropical latitude. Anyhow he is going to create a new rule and permanently kill an old one that seems to have been founded on prejudice. That in itself is worth while even if it costs all the travelling expenses that have been voted by congress after a warm discussion.

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Superintendent of Provincial Police Hussey is reported in the Colonist as saying that the federal immigration officials at both Victoria and Vancouver were instructed from Ottawa to prevent the landing of Brothier in British Columbia. Mr. Hussey is entirely wrong in making such a statement as far as the Victoria officials are concerned, and doubtless in the case of the Vancouver officials also. The immigration officials have the statute law for their guidance, and its provisions they strive to carry out.

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The heat is somewhat trying to the people of this normally cool belt. But it is in accordance with an ancient decree having reference to seed-time and harvest. The sun is carrying out his appointed task, not only in British Columbia, but elsewhere. In the Northwest he is perfecting thousands of acres of No. 1 hard wheat, which is the principal foundation of our present prosperity and of our hopes for the future. Therefore, we should not grumble.

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The Duma having abolished the death penalty as a provision of law unworthy of a civilized nation, the strenuous apostles of freedom will now be in a position to go about their business of benevolent assassination with joyful abandon.

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Joe Wright, the stroke of the Toronto Argonauts, must be considerably over forty years of age. We fear this is a case in which the theory of Dr. Osler applies. In the field of athletics youth must be served.

The rarest shell in existence is one called "The Cone of the Holy Mary." There is a specimen in the British museum.

LOCAL NEWS

—A. Otterburg reached Dawson on June 17th in the record time of 5 days 18 hours from Vancouver.

—During the fiscal year closing on June 30th Dawson shipped gold dust valued at $5,000,000 to the Seattle assay office.

—B. B. Moore, of Cedar Hill road, has a fine sample of wheat on exhibition in the real estate office of R. S. Day.

—Seven million and a half feet of lumber has been shipped from New Westminster within the past three months.

—Miss Jeanette Cann, secretary of the B. C. Teachers' Institute, has written the local press extending thanks for reports given of the recent convention.

—The Epworth League of Metropolitan Methodist church will hold a moonlight excursion on Monday, July 16th, by the City of Nanaimo.

—Mr. Louis Bryan St. John and Mrs. Minnie Gerkin Cutler, both of Seattle, were married on Saturday evening at the Centennial Methodist parsonage by Rev. S. J. Thompson.

—F. M. Logan, of the department of agriculture, reports that prospects in the Chilliwack district are extremely bright. Crops are good, especially hay and grain, and Eden Bank creamery is working to its full capacity.

—By a mistake in the proclamation making Oak Bay a municipality the returning officer for the election is named as David Virtue. The name should be J. David Virtue. All those wishing to qualify for the election should register with Mr. Virtue before nomination day, July 13th.

—Mr. Edward R. Hill, of Victoria, and Mrs. Elizalde, yongest daughter of the late Jacob Sehl, were quietly married at the bishop's palace, Yates street, on Saturday evening, Archbishop Orth officiated. The groom is an employee of Challoner & Mitchell's.

—Mons. Henri Rousseau, pianist, of Vancouver, is going on an extended concert tour. In order to prepare himself for the trip he will come to Victoria, where he will have the advantage of an ideal climate in which to recuperate and may enjoy artistic surroundings.

—As usual, the closing exercises at St. Ann's Academy were very much enjoyed. Certificates were granted in musical and commercial branches, including the piano, stenography, bookkeeping and grammar. A good programme was given in connection with them.

—Thompson & Seouil, liverymen of Nanaimo, have purchased from Hutchinson Bros., of this city, a 40-horse power Olds automobile for the purpose of putting it on the road between Nanaimo and Alberni. It will carry seven people, and within two weeks will be running.

—Baron Takaki, of Tokio, surgeon-in-chief of the Japanese army, left by the Empress of China on Tuesday after a pleasure tour of Europe. Another distinguished passenger was Dr. Mai Hung Chuan, secretary of the Imperial Chinese commission to the United States.

—At the annual meeting of the British Columbia branch of the King's Daughters held in Vancouver the following officers were chosen: Provincial secretary, Mrs. Bessie Shaw, Victoria; recording secretary, Miss Leitch; treasurer, Miss Lugrin; members of the executive committee, Mrs. Milne, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. McMicking and Miss Wilson.

—In July's Munsey there appears an interesting article—one of a series—by Herbert Carson on Canadians in United States. Among the prominent ones mentioned is Dr. T. P. Hall, of Vancouver, brother of Dr. Ernest Hall, of this city, whose work in the therapeutic application of electricity in Chicago has commanded considerable attention.

—A very interesting game of baseball took place Monday at Oak Bay in connection with the United Methodist picnic, in which the married men played the single men. The battery of the married men, however, consisting of Messrs. Huxtable Bros., proved too strong for their opponents, who were defeated by a score of 9 runs to 4.

—Mrs. Selma Amelia Baker died on Monday afternoon at the family residence, 193 Johnson street, aged 25 years. Deceased was a native of New Westminster. She leaves a husband and two children, father, mother and five brothers. She was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wille, of this city.

—Among the accessories to the Gorge none are proving more enjoyable than the swimming arrangements made by Wm. Smith on Mrs. Marshall's property. Mr. Smith has dressing rooms, bathing suits, etc., for his patrons, and in addition he has a swimming instructor, Luke Greenwald, always on duty for the purpose of assisting those who are not proficient in the art.

—The remains of Emmett M. Ewing were sent to 'Frisco, Cal., by W. J. Hanna on Sunday afternoon. Services were conducted at the Eagle hall by the worthy president and chaplain, after which the lodge marched in a body to the boat. A large number of beautiful floral emblems were presented, and the following acted as pallbearers: J. Meldram, L. G. Burns, W. Paterson, W. Berryman, P. Crobie and L. Thiele.

—A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Capt. Brown, 37 Frederick street, at 8 o'clock Monday night, when Mr. Robert Henry, son of Capt. and Mrs. Brown, was united to Miss Elizabeth Annie Gwennap, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Thompson. Mr. Ed. Jackson supported the groom and Miss Violet Brown acted as bridesmaid. Afterwards the large number of guests present were entertained at a sumptuous repast. The present showered on the young couple were numerous and costly.

—The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending July 3rd amounted to $568,282.

—Desire Brothier is being defended in Vancouver by D. G. Macdonell, while W. E. Burns has been retained to prosecute the prisoner. The adjournment of the proceedings for eight days has been taken on the condition that they will be brought on sooner if possible.

—J. E. McPherson, general passenger agent of the western division of the C. P. R., is expected here next week. E. J. Coyle, assistant passenger agent, has gone to Banff to meet Mr. McPherson, and together they will visit various points in the province.

—E. S. Busby, formerly collector of customs at Dawson, has been appointed inspector for the district covering western British Columbia and Yukon territory.

—A public banquet will be tendered Lester W. David by the citizens of New Westminster. He is manager of the new company that has commenced operating the Ross-McLaren mill, the largest in the province.

—In the advertising columns appears an advertisement calling for tenders for ties to be used in the construction of the new transcontinental railway. Two separate tenders are invited, one for 535,000 ties, closing July 12th. The other is to be open until September 4th and calls for 1,010,000 ties.

—It is announced that next Sunday the regular annual Orangemen's services will be held at the First Presbyterian church. Members of the True Blue lodge and the Sons and Daughters of England will attend in a body. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Campbell, will occupy the pulpit.

—The funeral of Mrs. Selma Amelia Baker took place from the family residence, 193 Johnson street, at 2.30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, there being a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings. Services were conducted by Rev. T. W. Gladstone at the residence and grave. The following acted as pallbearers: W. J. Wriglesworth, F. L. Smith, R. Chadwick, R. A. Arnold, C. H. Setterfield and A. Randolph.

—Miss J. Cann, secretary of the Provincial Teacher's Institute, has written H. Cuthbert, of the Victoria Development and Tourist Association, thanking the latter organization, and especially mentioning the Ladies' Auxiliary, for the very enjoyable reception given them on the occasion of the opening of the recent convention of that organization. They express themselves as deeply indebted for the badges presented and the many other courtesies tendered them during their sojourn in this city.

—A charge was preferred in the Vancouver police court a few days ago by W. C. Wells, M. P. P., against J. W. Thickens for threatening to kill. W. McHarg, representing Mr. Wells, explained to the court that the charge had been drawn hastily. Mr. Wells had no wish to prosecute Thickens, but simply asked that he be bound over to keep the peace. The magistrate said that it would be necessary to amend the indictment. This was done, accordingly, and G. F. Cane, appearing for Thickens, consented to the charge as it stood. Mr. Wells swore to the information and Thickens was bound over to keep the peace for 12 months, in bonds of $1,000 on his own recognizances, and two sureties of $500 each.

—The meetings of the Fruit Growers' Association in the interior have now been arranged. One of these will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 7th. Thos. Brydon, of this city, the president of the association, will attend this meeting. Accompanied by Messrs. Metcalfe and Smith he will on arrival at Cranbrook proceed to the Sunnyside fruit ranch, belonging to William Hamilton, where a practical demonstration in tree planting and pruning will be given. In the evening a lecture will be delivered to all interested in this most important subject. Mr. Hamilton, who on being informed of the intention of the association to visit the locality, at once placed his orchard at the dispoeal of the members.

—The delegation of Indian chiefs who go to London to wait upon His Majesty left Vancouver on Tuesday afternoon by the C. P. R. Chief Joe Capilano and Chief Charlie, of Cowichan, are the representatives of the coast Indians who are bound to personally interview the great White Chief of the Empire. They are accompanied by August, an Indian of the Coquitlam reserve, who will act a interpreter. They will spend two weeks in London. A number of matters affecting the Indians will be laid before the King. While departure was made from Vancouver Tuesday afternoon, with bands playing and crowds cheering, the through journey will not be started for a few days. A stop-over will be made at Kamloops, where a grand pow-wow will be held, and where other Indian chiefs will join the party.

—The management of the Young Men's Christian Association have sent out circulars to members announcing that an excursion has been arranged by the steamer City of Nanaimo for Saturday, the 14th inst., among the Gulf islands to Fulford harbor, Salt Spring Island. The excursionists will leave the C. P. R. dock, Belleville street, at 2 o'clock. It is the intention to allow them about one hour on shore so that the ship may reach Victoria again about 9 o'clock in the evening. The Cecilian orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and will contribute to the general pleasure by rendering a choice musical programme during the trip each way. The fact that the outing will be conducted under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. is a sufficient guarantee that those taking advantage of the opportunity will have a thoroughly pleasant time.

—At the rooms of the Victoria Development & Tourist Association, Fort street, a plate of peaches is on exhibition. They were grown on the grounds of Dr. E. C. Hart, Cadboro Bay road. Although small they are fairly well ripened. Probably never before in the history of Victoria has this fruit been plucked so early in the season.

Tenders For Real Estate

Tenders are called for the purchase of 50 acres of land, being the south half of section 17, range V east, South Saanich, Vancouver Island. The land comprises upwards of 30 acres cleared, valued at $150.00 per acre, the remainder is partly timbered and valued at $75.00 per acre. Also, for lot 608 Victoria City, situate on the north side of Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas streets, being 60x120 feet, and on which is a 10 roomed dwelling house; this property is assessed at $4,200.00.

Tenders must be in before July 13th, 1906. Address tenders to

H. A. TURNER,
Trustee of the Estate of William McHugh.
P. O. Box 432, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 22rd day of June, 1906.

—Those desiring to be placed on the voters' list in the Oak Bay municipality should apply to the returning officer, J. D. Virtue, between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m. every day at 45 Fort street.

—The combined local courts of the Ancient Order of Foresters are preparing to have a social time on Monday evening, July 9th, in the K. of P. hall. The district chief ranger will be present, and there will be a joint installation of the officers of all courts. Committees have been appointed to provide refreshments and prepare a musical programme. The committee wish the members of all the courts and visiting brethren to keep this date in mind.

—The fire department had an unusual number of calls during the month of June. There were nine alarms, the loss in nearly every case being very small. These calls were as follows: June 8th, rubbish, No. 10 South Turner street; 13th, false alarm, box 9; 16th roof fire, Alfred street; 18th, roof fire, North Pembroke street; 20th, bush fire, near Government House; 24th fire in bedroom, 31 Bay street; 26th, false alarm, box 9; 29th, Salmon block, Government street; 30th, beach fire, Brighton Beach.

—Last year the ladies of St. John's church Senior and Junior Guild scored such a great success with their excursion through the islands to Tod Inlet, and the cement works that they have been persuaded to organize an excursion for this season also. The City of Nanaimo has been chartered for the 28th of July, and the ladies of the Guild are busy organizing musical entertainments and arranging for refreshments. It is a foregone conclusion that Saanich Inlet will be decided on as the place of destination.

—The Saanich municipal council met on Saturday, June 30th, in the temporary office on Glanford avenue. The most important business transacted was the passing of public schools estimates as submitted by the school board. Over ten thousand dollars were set aside for school purposes. Of this sum the provincial government pays about $7,000 and the municipality about $3,000. All teachers in the municipality will receive their back salary from January 1st to June 30th this week. The health by-law was read a third time and will come up for reconsideration next council meeting. Plans for a new building will be called for in a few days, and an effort made to complete it by the end of the year.

—Members of No. 3 company, Fifth Regiment, R. A., are invited to a picnic to be held at Langford Plains next Sunday. A start will be made from the Victoria Transfer stables at 8.45 o'clock in the morning. The militiamen will be driven to the grounds, where the remainder of the day will be given up to unalloyed enjoyment. There will be sports for those feeling in the mood to compete for the prizes offered, while the lakes nearby furnish unexcelled facilities for devotees of Capt. Webb's favorite pastime. Briefly the programme will be sufficiently varied to provide for the pleasure of all attending, and a most successful outing is anticipated.

—The London Canadian Gazette says: Satisfactory in the highest degree is the announcement in regard to the past year's profits made on Tuesday by the committee of the Hudson's Bay Company. A balance dividend of £3 10s. per share is recommended, bringing up the total to £4 per share for the year, and after setting aside £25,000 to buildings account, £15,000 to provide for irrigation expenditure, and £10,000 to the employees' benefit fund, there remains a sum of £96,306 to be carried over. The total dividend for the previous year was £2 18s. per share, and the only other appropriation was £20,000 to buildings accounts, which left £94,064 undivided. The total profits for the year were thus £452,242, contrasted with £310,334, showing an expansion of almost 50 per cent. These results afford, indeed, strong evidence of the prosperity enjoyed by the Dominion.

—On Thursday Mayor Morley received a number of pamphlets offering a reward of $50 to the person first giving satisfactory evidence of the whereabouts of a young man named William Harold Peters. When last heard of he was in Spokane, Wash., and is supposed to have left there about the middle of last July, announcing that he was departing for Portland, Oregon. He is about 21 years of age, slight build and by occupation a stenographer. Geo. Jackson, of 92 Roxborough Street West, Toronto, Canada, is the person advertising for this information.

—The Mothers' Club will hold their first basket picnic at the Gorge park on Wednesday, July 11th. A cordial invitation is given to all mothers and families to join. There will be games and races for the children, and prizes will also be given for the best loaf of bread and cake made by a girl or boy. A special invitation is given to all local and visiting teachers. Tea will be furnished free to all, and a special car will leave the Spring Ridge terminus at 10 o'clock, and go right through to the Gorge without changing, for the usual fare.

Rev. J. Antle, of the mission steamer Columbia, is staying at the King Edward.

—On Saturday evening the members of Victoria West lodge, I. O. G. T., responded to an invitation to an ice cream social from the members of Cedar Hill lodge, the services of the tally-ho being requisitioned for the trip. Lodge being opened the visitors were invited to take offices, which they did, Sis. M. Vosper occupying the chair for the evening. Business was carried on in the usual manner and the following programme rendered: Songs, Bros. King, Pratt, McMoran, McIntyre; duet, Bro. and Sis. King; readings, Sis. E. Furman, Bro. Fletcher; pianoforte solo, Sis. S. Lewis; recitations, Bros. Semple, Merriman and Heal. Ice cream was then the order, and a very pleasant social was held, the meeting being brought to a close with the Grand March. A very happy party then enjoyed a moonlight drive home, the trip being livened up considerably by numerous vocal selections.

PERSONAL.

"Dr. Lachlan Macmillan arrived on Saturday on a visit to his father, Ald. Macmillan, and he will likely engage in the practice of his profession here," says the Vancouver Province. "Dr. Macmillan was an honor graduate at the recent examinations of the medical department of the University of Illinois, Chicago, when three hundred and forty students secured diplomas. The school is the largest medical institution on the continent. After his graduation he spent a few weeks at Rochester, N. Y., attending the clinics of Drs. Mayo, two brothers who have an international reputation as skilful surgeons."

W. S. Ritchie, L. G. Tolson and wife, of Salt Spring Island; J. R. Flinton, P. Ferguson and A. Ferguson, of Saanich, and Mrs. Rose, of Galiano, are at the Balmoral.

Miss Stewart, of Alexandria, Va., and Mrs. Taylor and Miss Taylor, of Norfolk, Va., are all staying at the King Edward.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office,
27th June to 3rd July, 1906.

In the early part of the week the pressure was low, and showery and unsettled weather conditions prevailed over the North Pacific slope; this western disturbance gradually passed eastward across the Rockies, causing in the Canadian Northwest provinces very heavy rainfall with frequent thunderstorms. On the 29th a strong southerly gale occurred on the Oregon coast. On the 30th June a high barometer area developed in Eastern Oregon, increased in intensity and spread northward to the Atlin and Yukon districts, and after holding its position for two days moved eastward and crossed into the Northwest provinces and the great plains region of the Middle West states. During its progress this "high" was the controlling weather factor west of the Rockies, and was accompanied by a spell of splendid weather, which, on the 3rd July, culminated in a warm wave over the greater portion of British Columbia and the North Pacific states. At Kamloops, Portland, Walla Walla and Red Bluff the temperature reached 102; at Victoria it was 88.5, the highest this season, and at many other stations the heat was excessive and above the normal.

This hot wave was followed by a temporary fall of pressure on the immediate coast, and in this district a thunderstorm occurred at Nanaimo.

The rainfall was moderately heavy on the Mainland, and showery conditions were experienced as far north as the Yukon district.

At Victoria, there were 60 hours and 42 minutes registered of bright sunshine; the highest temperature was 88.5 on the 3rd, and the lowest 49.9 on the 29th; rain, 0.14 inch.

At Vancouver—Highest 85 on 3rd; lowest, 46 on 29th; rain, 0.78 inch.

At New Westminster—Highest, 86 on 2nd and 3rd; lowest, 48 on 28th, 29th and 1st; rain, 0.62 inch.

At Kamloops—Highest, 102 on 3rd; lowest, 44 on 30th; rain, 0.42 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest, 86 on 3rd; lowest, 30 on 30th and 1st; rain, 0.52 inch.

At Port Simpson (two days missing)—Highest, 70 on 30th; lowest, 32 on 27th, 30th and 2nd; rain, 0.32 inch.

At Atlin—Highest, 66 on 28th; lowest, 22 on 27th; rain, 0.22 inch.

At Dawson—Highest, 78 on 29th; lowest, 38 on 29th and 3rd; rain, 0.22 inch.

Notice is hereby given that, 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, on the Skeena River, Coast District: Commencing at a post at F. A. Turner's southwest corner and marked I. W. P.'s northwest corner; thence running east 40 chains; thence south 40 chains; thence west 40 chains; thence north 40 chains to place of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

I. W. POWELL,
H. L. FRANK, Agent.
Frank's Landing, Skeena River, B. C., April 28th, 1906.

BORN.

WRAGGE—At Nelson, on June 30th, the wife of Edmund C. Wragge, of a daughter.

DIED.

MILBERY—At Vancouver, on July 3rd, G. S. Milbery, aged 60 years.

STOCKS—At Vancouver, on July 3rd, Mrs. E. Stocks, aged 27 years.

OTTON—At Vancouver, on July 3rd, Joseph Otton, aged 85 years.

BAKER—At the family residence, 193 Johnson street, on the 2nd instant, Selma Amelia, the beloved wife of Stanley Baker, and only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wille, of this city, a native of New Westminster, B. C., aged 25 years.