

## NATIVE SONS HOLD ENJOYABLE DANCE

### FUNCTION ECLIPSES ALL PREVIOUS EVENTS

Alexandra Club the Scene of Twelfth Ball Given by Post No. 1

"There's a health to the native born." For several years past the Victoria post of the Native Sons of British Columbia have held an annual ball, and this has become one of the social events of the season in the Capital City Friday evening the twelfth of these functions was held in the handsome ballroom of the Alexandra Club, and it is no exaggeration to say that it eclipsed all of the long line of its predecessors. To begin with, of course, it was being held in a building which was more suited for such an event than the work of the committee in charge of the arrangements easier and meant that the result of their labors was more apparent in the perfection of every detail.

The ballroom is so fine an apartment in itself that it needs little if anything from the hand of the decorator. Flowers, plants and bunting tastefully but sparingly used, however, added to the general effect. The sitting of the corners and rooms were bowered with the ground floor entrance of the weather a temporary canopy had been constructed from the edge of the sidewalk to the ground floor entrance of the club and this was greatly appreciated by the guests, who thus were sheltered in getting from their cars to the door. The stairway leading up to the ballroom was lined with flowers and bright with plants. There were cardrooms for those who did not care to dance.

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6. Waltz ..... The Pink Lady
7. Two-Step ..... Every Little Movement
8. Two-Step ..... The Young Men
9. Three-Step ..... Rittersport Larkspur
10. Waltz ..... Dreams, Just Dreams
11. Waltz ..... A Wee Bit of Scotch
12. Two-Step ..... Spring, Beautiful Spring
13. Two-Step ..... Casey Jones
14. Waltz ..... The Silver Moon
15. Two-Step ..... The Young Men
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## IN TOUCH WITH AGENT-GENERAL

Large Demands Made on Literature at Salisbury

So large is the demand for literature about Vancouver Island at Salisbury House, London, at the office of Hon. J. E. Turner, agent-general for British Columbia, that the secretary, in acknowledging receipt of a large consignment, intimates that more will be acceptable. The calls on the stock of the Vancouver Island Development League is, however, so large now that it will be some little time before more can be sent.

A man with capital, and experienced in land management in different parts of the Empire, writes from Southampton, Eng., for information with the idea of settling here.

W. McCalla & Company, a shipping firm in Belfast, will reciprocate with the league in the disposal of literature there, the league to assist them with settlers as far as may be desirable.

Many inquiries reach the league from the district of which Liverpool is the centre, South Lancashire and Cheshire, as well as from other parts of the old country. Several residents on the prairie want to come further west, one writer, for instance, wishing to place his household in the prairie where education could make a living while he is out surveying.

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## OFFICERS DISCUSS CADET MOVEMENT

Universal Training Also Engages Attention of Conference at Ottawa

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—Hon. Col. Hughes yesterday entertained the officers attending the militia conference at lunch in the parliamentary restaurant. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Mr. R. L. Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier being present.

The subjects principally discussed at the conference were recruiting, training of young men at the universities and colleges, and the cadet movement. Strong feeling was expressed that the great recruiting needs are unit armies and an increase of pay to at least \$1 per day, plus shooting and efficiency pay.

The discussion turned upon the subject of universal training. Lieutenant Colonel Loggie, of Hamilton, moving a resolution favoring the adoption by Canada of the Australian type of universal service. The discussion of this was over.

In discussing the cadet movement the opinion was widely expressed that camp service is advisable for cadets. Rev. J. W. Macmillan of Halifax, in a strong speech in favor of cadet work, declared that the soldier never was a man who kindled the emotion of insanity which sometimes led to war. It was, instead, irresponsible editors, stock brokers and sometimes preachers.

Colonel Steele dwelt on the value of the cadet movement for promoting Canadian citizenship, saying that the red coat should be seen as much as possible. There were places in the Northwest, he said, where Canadians, being in the minority, were insulted, and Canadians could not get elected to the school trustees.

On the motion of Inspector J. L. Hughes, it was resolved that the text book of the Strathcona Trust should be used everywhere as the basis of physical training, that a circular letter be addressed to clergymen, school authorities, etc., explaining the principles and advantages of the Strathcona Trust.

Canteens were discussed to some extent, the general feeling being that canteens selling light malt liquors and soft drinks was an advantage in promoting sobriety.

## SAILING POSTPONED

Steamer F. Plant Undergoing Repairs—Shipping Notes.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—The sailing of the steamer M. F. Plant has been postponed for several days until repairs to her tail shaft are made. She reached port Thursday evening in tow of the tugboat Rosamond and will be out on Saturday morning. She sustained no other damage and will probably be able to go on her regular run again early next week.

The Crowley Launch & Tug Co. has purchased the steamer Redondo, a vessel of 39 tons, from the R. R. Thompson estate and will use her in bay towing. The Crowley company has a large number of gasoline powered boats but this is their first steam vessel.

The schooner Lyman D. Foster, of Calcutta, is discharging lumber from Portland, has been chartered to load on Gray's Harbor for Sava and Levuka at 45s.

The schooner Endeavor, laid up at this port, has been fixed to load lumber on the Sound for San Pedro at \$5. This is the second recent fix-up of this vessel and establishes the advance of twenty-five cents per thousand.

## DEATHS WILL BE INVESTIGATED

British Government Requests Washington State Officials to Take Action

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 18.—That the British government has made representations to the Washington state administration at Olympia regarding the deaths of British subjects who expired while under the treatment of Dr. Linda B. Hazzard, the "fast cure" doctor of Seattle, is the information secured by Thurston county authorities. Mr. Agass, British consul, was asked for correct information of the news of the British government's appearance in the case, but declared he had nothing to say.

Governor Hay recently received an official communication from the British ambassador, Mr. Bryce, acting on instructions from Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary in relation to the Hazzard case. The representations dealt chiefly with the case of Claire Williamson, an English woman, whose death caused Mrs. Hazzard's arrest on a charge of murder in the first degree, and also referred to the death of John Irvin Flux, an Englishman, and Stanley Wakelin, who came to Puget Sound from New Zealand. Wakelin shot himself after a quarrel with Dr. Hazzard. It is understood that the authorities assured Ambassador Bryce that everything possible is being done in the Williamson case.

Sir Edward Grey requested a thorough investigation into the Flux and Wakelin cases also.

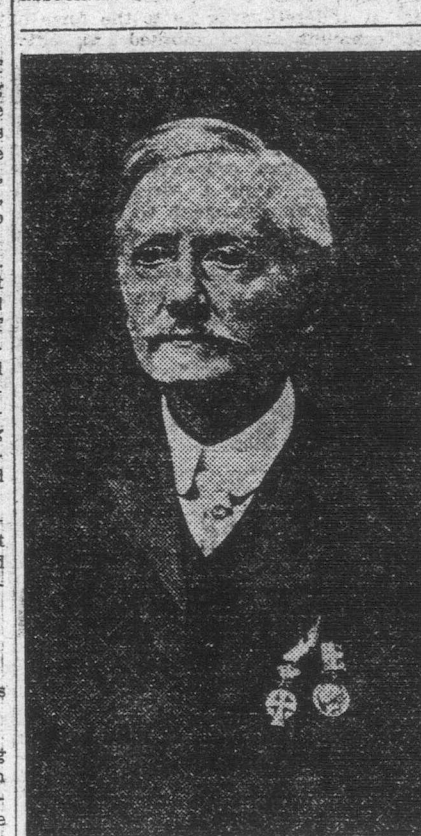
The earliest complete check of which there is any record was made by a Barometer in the thirteenth century. A man can interest any woman by pretending to be interested in her.

## DANISH COMPOSER TO VISIT VICTORIA

Prof. Sveinborg Sveinborgsson of Copenhagen, to Give Recital Here

Prof. Sveinborg Sveinborgsson, of Copenhagen, Denmark, one of Europe's greatest living composers, will visit Victoria during this week. Mr. Sveinborgsson is an Icelandic and the composer of many of the favorite Icelandic pieces and songs, including the national hymn of Iceland. He has resided in his native country very little, however, since his youth. After studying music at the conservatorium at Leipzig, where he received personal instruction from the director of the institution, the celebrated Carl Reinecke, he made his home Edinburgh, Scotland, since 1878, where he married and resided until his removal to Copenhagen recently. While in Edinburgh he was connected with the university of that place as lecturer and special instructor of music. As a lecturer on the history, theory and practical execution of music he has few equals. Owing to his strong national sentiments he has been especially interested in the Scandinavian and Icelandic folk songs, and these will be touched upon in his lecture on Friday night.

A number of his compositions have already been counted among the classics, and in the Scandinavian countries and in Germany his late compositions are very popular. During the last two years he has been intimately associated with the scholarly Dr. Egan.



PROF. SVEINBORGSSON

The American representative at Copenhagen, and has composed music to many of the latter's poetical productions. Among the most popular compositions is his splendid musical setting to Hall Caine's dramatized edition of the "Prodigal Son," which was played to large audiences in the Drury Lane theatre in London, and in all the larger cities of the United States and Canada. Among his favorite pieces is a most realistic interpretation of a familiar and beautiful fairy tale.

Prof. Sveinborgsson has played repeatedly before the nobility of Europe. A concert was arranged and given by him at Copenhagen under the patronage of the Dowager Queen Alexandra, the King and Queen of Denmark and the King and Queen of Russia. He was knighted by the King of Denmark, and received many honors in all circles where he has become known and his scholar, speaking most of the European languages fluently, and is a master of the piano. Having a splendid voice as well he not infrequently adds interest to his recitals by singing some of his own and other compositions.

His chief object in coming to Canada is to visit his countrymen who are scattered all over the Dominion and to rest in the land of wonderful growth and development, where his people are prosperous and happy under the flag that has been familiar to him for thirty years. After leaving Winnipeg, where large and enthusiastic audiences heard him, he will give one recital in Seattle, in Victoria and Vancouver, respectively.

The new Grace church on the corner of Blanchard street and Queen's avenue was offered to the committee on arrangements, and owing to the splendid acoustic properties of the structure, was accepted. The lecture recital will commence at the church at 8 o'clock on Friday night. Prof. Sveinborgsson will be accompanied by a vocalist from Seattle who will assist in the programme.

## SIMPSON FARM SOLD

A local syndicate has just completed the purchase of seventy-seven acres of land situated in section 7, range 2, north 28th parallel, known as the George Simpson farm.

The land is situated about midway between Victoria and Sidney and is all highly productive and improved agricultural land. It will be directly intersected by the proposed route of the N. L. U. and it is expected that a local station will be created on the property. This location is recognized as an excellent one and has an abundant supply of pure water from two natural springs.

Messrs. O. H. Bowman & Co., who were instrumental in putting through the deal state that it is the intention of the purchasers to subdivide the property into two and one half acre blocks and place same on the market in the near future.

## CORONATION CARPET ON VIEW IN VICTORIA

Local Agents of the Weavers Are Showing Section of Covering Used

For the week to come Victorians will have an opportunity to see a piece of the carpet which covered the altar of Westminster Abbey at the Coronation, and at the same time examine a perfect specimen of the best work of the carpet-weaving looms of the Mother Country.

Weller Brothers yesterday opened up a parcel sent them by James Templeton & Co., Glasgow, whose agents they are here, and found within a portion of the identical carpet used on that historic occasion and woven by the firm, which has made many carpets for royal use. For one week this is loaned to the local agents for exhibition as a sample of what the house can turn out, and it will then be returned to Glasgow.

The carpet was, of course, especially made for the Coronation, and is of two shades of royal blue and of heraldic design, embodying the floral symbols of England, Scotland, Ireland and India, with the stars of the orders of the Garter, the Thistle and St. Patrick repeated at wide intervals and flanked by the letter G and M surmounted by the royal crown. The grouping of the shamrocks, roses, thistles and lotus in large panels alternate with the other decorations, and the whole design extends 89 feet in length.

The elaborate design was carried out in detail at Messrs. Templeton's factory. The fabric, the chenille Axminster of a texture of 144 tufts to each square inch, and is woven of the finest materials to give a rich and smooth effect.

For the Coronation "dais" and the altar, as well as the royal boxes, a plain carpet of royal blue shade of the same fabric was provided. Altogether about 800 square yards of carpet was required.

## G. T. P. HOTEL MANAGER.

Mr. Bergman Leaves for Prince Rupert on Hotel Business.

F. W. Bergman, manager of the G. T. P. hotel service, who has been on the coast in connection with the plans for the G. T. P. hotel at Prince Rupert, in consultation with Architect F. M. Rattenbury left Saturday on the Princess May for Prince Rupert, to look over the situation for himself, and is accompanied by the secretary of the G. T. P., Henry Phillips, to the northern terminus. They will go to the railroad head which in the district, as it is the intention of Mr. Bergman to locate a farm for the hotel while in the north, where the necessary produce can be raised, locally, similarly to the custom in other cities, the G. T. P. carrying on a prize farm near Ottawa for the big hotel of which Mr. Bergman is manager. Mr. Rattenbury was also consulted about the plans of the Chateau Mitten, which is to be located in the sulphur spring district of the Rockies, through which the railway will pass, and which will partake of the dual character of a chalet club-house.

## VERDICT FOR \$200.

New Westminster, Nov. 17.—After a three days' trial the jury found for the plaintiff in Gieschen vs. City of New Westminster, and awarded him \$200 and costs. The court awarded the plaintiff the sum of \$200 and costs. The action was one for compensation for injuries to the plaintiff's little daughter, who was struck on the head with a piece of wood, said to have been a fragment of a tree stump blasted by the city workmen in an adjoining street during street construction.

## TWO "PRO" LACROSSE LEAGUES IN SUMMER

Big Four and N. L. U. Decided Upon With Quartette of Teams for Eastern Series

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 18.—There will be two professional lacrosse leagues in the east next summer. The big four and the N. L. U. The big four, comprising Toronto, Tecumseh, Nationals and George Kennell's club of Montreal, which team will be known as the Irish Canadians. Kennell will have the right to secure any English players in Montreal, which means that he can have the pick of the Montreal and Shamrock clubs. Nationals will also waive their right to Newry Lalonde, and Kennell is after him as manager for the new club. The N. L. U. will consist of Montreal, Shamrock, Cornwall and Capitals, with no representation from Toronto, for it is a certainty that there will be no professional lacrosse team playing at Montreal. The Rosedale people have decided themselves on that point. The big four will meet at the King Edward here Monday morning to elect officers. W. Findlay, of the Montreal club, arrived in the city today and tried to bring about peace, but his efforts in trying to get the Tecumseh and Toronto to elect by the N. L. U. were in vain. Mr. Findlay stated that no third club would be allowed into the N. L. U. and the Toronto had been thrown overboard, but neither of the Toronto clubs could see it that way.

## EARTH SHOCK RECORDED.

Lawrence, Kas., Nov. 18.—An earth shock was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Kansas here today. The main wave started at 3:34 a. m. and lasted several minutes.

## NEEDS OF YUKON.

Dr. Thompson Will Urge Vigorous Policy for Development of Country.

Vancouver, Nov. 18.—"On reaching Ottawa, I shall seek to enlist the support of the Dominion government in a vigorous policy for the internal development of the Yukon district," said Dr. Thompson, newly-elected member of parliament for the Yukon to-day. "The possibilities of that whole northern region are so great that I believe in the building of a railway from a point on Lynn Canal in American territory, south of Skagway, right through to Dawson. I understand that there are two shunters in existence virtually covering the same route which has decided advantages over the White Pass & Yukon railway and steamboat route."

"The Dominion government will also be asked to contribute more liberally in aid of a project for the building of a system of roads and trails, which is needed, throughout the region with Dawson as the centre. In this manner alone can the country be made accessible. As a matter of fact the country in a relative sense has scarcely been scratched and with proper encouragement by the government, I look for new discoveries which may equal if not surpass the former glory of the Klondike. I regard as the richest piece of territory under the British flag."

## DETECTIVE FORCE IN ITS NEW QUARTERS

Temporary Offices in Market Block Will Afford Department Every Facility

During the present week the detective force of the city of Victoria has been relieved of the congestion from which it has suffered so long and so patiently in the "two-by-four" harem room on the north side of the city hall block, by taking up its new quarters in the market block on the west of the fire station, which have been put in shape at an expenditure of something like \$700.

The new quarters consist of four rooms, each of them spacious and airy, and together forming a suite that should not only develop the better working of the department as a whole, but should at the same time inspire sentiments of culture in keeping with the new location. There are two entrances to the new offices, one public, leading to the general office, and other private, the entrance associated with the detective force to which inmost privacy none but newspaper scribes and others will be admitted without the formality of an introduction.

The department switched a day or two ago, for while the new premises are not yet in a state of completion, they are already so far advanced in that direction, and already so very far ahead of the old place in every other respect that staying on had neither virtue nor utility in it. From the inspector downwards everyone is delighted with the change. Getting out of the old "hog-hole" of an office which would become of the civic centre with the name of headquarters, to the new location, is like having a day in the country to most of them, and they are making the most of it while the feeling lasts.

It may be recalled that the expenditure of the \$700 upon this work was made at the instigation of the mayor who argued that the change would justify the holding up of the police by-law authorizing the expenditure of \$30,000 for the renovation of the entire west end of the market block until such time as it was definitely known what would become of the civic centre idea, which it is now decided to submit in January to the referendum of the people. Since the work was first spoken of the council has passed a resolution calling upon the renovation work provided for in the \$30,000 by-law, but the mayor ruled the proceeding out of order. How the matter now stands it is difficult to say. Only one thing is clear, and that is the completion of the temporary quarters of the detective force already described.

## JAMES BAY EPWORTH LEAGUE.

At the recent half yearly business meeting of the James Bay Epworth League the election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. Sprinkling; vice-president, Miss Riddout; 2nd vice-president, Mr. Juonene; 3rd vice-president, Miss L. Moore and Miss K. Costello; 4th vice-president, Mr. Simpson; secretary, Mr. G. Petch; treasurer, Miss J. Webster; pianist, Miss H. MacQuarrie; representatives to C. E. Union, Mr. Penderay and Mr. T. Climo; reporter, Miss M. Webster.

## PROPOSES TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE ACT

Ottawa, Nov. 18.—E. A. Lancaster, of Lincoln-Niagara, who arrived today, outlined the object of his bill to amend the marriage act. The bill will provide that wherever a marriage is contracted by any recognized ceremony in a province of the Dominion, it shall be valid and binding in all other provinces, and cannot be dissolved by any decree, ecclesiastical or otherwise. The bill takes effect over any provincial act and is designed to absolutely safeguard rights of children of mixed marriages.

Mr. Lancaster is also bringing a bill in to amend the election act by providing that an elector shall vote only once in an election. Under present franchise of Quebec, a voter is entitled to vote in more than one constituency if possessed of the requisite property qualifications.

## RUSHING WORK ON FORTIFICATIONS

SWITZERLAND FEARS ITALIAN AGGRESSION

Portion of Mountain Republic is Coveted by the Nationalists

Berlin, Nov. 18.—"After Tripoli what?" is the question which to-day, according to dispatches from Swiss correspondents of the German papers, is agitating the Swiss press and public. Italy's seizure of Tripoli, combined with the well-known aspirations of the Italian Nationalists to unite the Italian-speaking portions of Switzerland with the Roman kingdom, is causing, with these dispatches, much discussion of the possibility that the Italian republic may be a future portion of its southern neighbor.

Since the outbreak of the Tripolitan war, various Swiss papers have pointed out the significance for Switzerland of this unexpected launching of Italian hostilities and the seizure of a coveted province, and have concluded from it the necessity of neglecting no steps to maintain the higher possible efficiency the defence and fighting power of the country. The part of Switzerland on which it is feared that Italy's eye may be turned, is the canton of Ticino, on the Italian side of the Alps, known to thousands of tourists who have travelled over the St. Gothard railroad or visited the Italian lakes. It is believed to be one of the most fertile and beautiful of the Swiss cantons, its area is 1,068 square miles and its population nearly 150,000, practically all of them Italian-speaking. Like the southern part of the Alps, it is a part of the Engadine region of Switzerland, it is marked upon the maps and colored postcards of the Italian irredentists (agitators for a united Italian empire) as one of the regions estimated to be joined to Italy, but what has focused attention particularly on Ticino is the vexatious manifested in certain Italian quarters at the strong Swiss fortifications of the St. Gothard pass, which dominate the canton.

A series of articles on the importance of this canton by an Italian general recently appeared in the Della Sera of Milan, but Italian criticisms of the Swiss mistrust have rather increased than diminished the zeal with which the fortifications are being pressed.

In a recent article Dr. J. Scholla, professor of political science at the University of Zurich, maintains that Switzerland can expect little support from France and none from Italy, for the neutrality and integrity of Swiss territory. A possible combination in the minds of the Swiss pessimists is an Italian occupation of Ticino for which France would be compensated by the grant of Geneva, a town thoroughly French in language and sympathies.

Not only Switzerland but also Austria-Hungary, Italy's ally, is thinking of the possibilities of Italian aggression. Since General Conrad has been at the head of the Austrian general staff, the fortification of the mountain valleys of the Tyrol along the Italian frontier has been carried on with unceasing energy, until now every connecting pass and valley between the two countries is closed by powerful fortifications.

Now attention has turned to the St. Gotthard, a well-known Alpine pass, situated at the junction of the frontiers of Austria, Italy and Switzerland. Over this a fine carriage road leads from Italy into Austria. The pass has hitherto been considered amply defended by the fact that the other road passes for a distance of about eight miles across a narrow point of Swiss territory, but since the construction by Italy of a fortification camp at the foot of Monte Impra and of a fort upon Monte Orp, both near the Italian end of the pass, and the extension of the Italian railroad to Bormio, a strong agitation has been started for defensive measures on the Austrian side.

Italy's activity on this corner of her frontier is shown by the fact that mountain climbers are no longer allowed to ascend Monte Orp Impra, one of the well-known Alpine ascents.

## JUDGMENT GIVEN.

In Action of Williams vs. Spencer and Sun Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Justice Morrison handed down in Vancouver on Thursday the judgment in the action brought by R. T. Williams against the Sun Life Insurance company and David Spencer, Limited, which was heard in Victoria about nine months ago, and in which the plaintiff claimed portion of the Spencer site on Broad street.

His Honor decided for the defendants. Mr. Williams owned the property one time but mortgaged it in 1894 to the Sun Life company. The Sun Life company later foreclosed but it was contended at the trial, did not register the deed. The Sun Life company then sold the property to David Spencer, Limited, for \$18,000 and annual instalments of \$1,000 with interest at 5 per cent.

The property since then has increased in value considerably and Mr. Williams sought to prove his title to it on the ground that the foreclosure proceedings were not valid. Mr. Williams will appeal from the decision.

## ACCUSED OF INTRIGUE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—Accusing W. Morgan Shuster, the American, who is supervisor of finances for the Persian government, of intriguing against Russia and overruling the authority of the government at Teheran, an inspired press has begun a bitter campaign against him.

Troops have been dispatched to Persia to be concentrated at Kasbin, 100 miles northwest of the capital.