C. P. R. GAME PRESERVES

By CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY

One live issue succeeds another with breathless rapidity nowadays, so that the languid interest which men took in their daily paper, has been exchanged for eager curiosity to see what is the latest move in the game of island development.

A good many of us were of course prepared for the C. P. Railway announcement in last Sunday's issue. It could not be that a company of such business acumen and enterprise would overlook an asset which in their hands would be of so much value as the game of Vancouver Island.

What has been done in Newfoundland by an individual Mr. Reid is to be repeated on Vancouver Island by a company. Cast your eye over one of the advertisements of the Reid Newfoundland Company, and you will see a miniature of Vancouver Island in the future.

"Newfoundland offers to the tourist, sportsman, and health seeker, the grandest scenery in the Western Hemisphere. A most beautiful climate in the summer months; cool, even and invigorating. Finest caribou hunting grounds in the world. Best salmon and trout streams that have yet been discovered. The railway is equipped with dining and sleeping cars and everything to please the taste and add to the comfort of the tourist is provided."

Substitute Vancouver Island for Newfoundland and wapiti for caribou, and the advertisement of the one will do for the other.

Many, probably most of those wealthy visitors who have come to Vancouver Island in the past, have been attracted to British Columbia in part at least by its reputation as a sportsman's paradise, and even Excellencies are not so superior to human weaknesses as to overlook the sport on the island. What applies to the wealthy applies equally to the comparatively indigent. How many do you suppose of those who came out here to clear bush farms were quite uninfluenced by the report that deer were plentiful in the districts to which they came; salmon and trout abundant in all the streams; grouse plentiful on the hills; and all shooting free to every man?

It is true that our game is one of the greatest advertisements we have amongst the wealthy; it is true that the free sport of our country was one of the baits which lured many of our British settlers to their present homes, and it is partially true that certain varieties of game are in need of protection here.

These three facts must be kept steadily before the minds eye in any consideration of the C. P. Railway scheme, as well as this fact which is the answer to many objectors.

"You can't build up a large centre of civilization, and keep in it all the wild charms of the thinly peopled frontier."

There are men in Victoria, honest and perfectly logically minded men who object to an increase in the number of settlers in Victoria or on the island. They say, "we left the great centres of Europe because we found them too crowded. We came here because we wanted the wild pleasures and freedom of an unsettled country. We sought solitude and the charm of forests and streams in which we could shoot and fish when and how we pleased. We do not want a great population, railways, and tramcars, motors and such like, and we do not want to make money out of the increased value of our real estate. So long as they are sincere in this last statement no one can complain of them. Others may not agree with them, but their position is intelligible, much more so indeed than that of the man who wishes to induce others to come in and buy his holding in order that he may get out with a fortune which he will inevitably spend in buying a place in some other country not half as beautiful as that in which he might have had a holding for nothing. But that, of course, is human nature. We all of us leave the country to hustle in the towns to make money in order to go back again into the country and live that life as amateurs which might have been our natural profession. How many successful business men become "gentlemen farmers" having worked half a life time to earn enough money to play at that, at which they might have worked successfully, enjoying all their lives, instead of the end of them only?

Again, the man who says I came out here to make money and not to shoot, I came out to find something which I could sell for more than it cost me, and I am going to do everything I can to induce everyone of my kind having money to settle here, whether the coming of them deprives me of my shooting or not, is perfectly reasonable. It is all a matter of taste.

But the man who halloos for people to come into his paradise and yet expects to preserve the pleasures of solitude is a fool.

A great population and a great head of unpreserved game at the same time and in the same place is impossible.

Victoria and Vancouver Island have to make their choice.

Do they want the C. P. Railway and Mr. Cuthbert to go on advertising to bring in as many thousands of people as possible, or do they want to keep these people out?

We can at present have which we please, free sport or a full house. If we insist upon an attempt to keep both a big population and free sport we shall soon prove the impossibility of this attempt, because the free shooters will soon shoot all that is to be shot.

You cannot have Victoria as it used to be twenty years ago and a Seattlized Victoria at the same time. You must choose between deer and dollars, and in the present state of the public mind, dollars are more attractive than deer to the majority.

That being admitted, with or without regret, it seems to me that we should consider what is the best compromise we can make, comprises being all the fashion nowadays, and consider how much we can keep of the good things we are called upon to give up, and in what way we can make the best bargain for those things which we surrender.

It seems to me that the C. P. R. proposal offers us as good terms as we are likely to get, provided certain safeguards are provided in the people's interests.

Stripped of all disguises, the company's suggestion seems to me to be, "We want to be allowed to preserve certain sections of our own land (E. & N. railway grant) for the benefit of those we are going to bring to our hotel, and such others as we please. The possession of good shooting by us will make it easier for us to draw people to Victoria, and that will benefit Victorians who have anything to sell (including labor), and the preservation of a portion of the Island, small compared with the balance of it, will benefit the surrounding districts, because our preserve will form a nucleus for the breeding of game, which will of course wander to some extent."

This does not seem a bad thing for the Island, on the face of it, I mean for the majority of men who do not go far afield for their sport, so long as the C. P. R. preserve is not so close to Victoria or Nanaimo as to interfere with those who can only go out for the week's end; and moreover, it seems to me that if the C. P. R. wants to preserve its own lands, no one can stop it.

When it comes to altering the laws, or making new ones, to suit the company, that is another matter.

Each alteration must be considered separately, and on its merits. It is suggested (1) that the privilege of the Indian to kill game when he pleases should be curtailed, if the Dominion authorities can be induced to curtail it, and since the Indian is no longer an untutored savage, a ward dependent for support upon those who have supplanted him, but a man just as able to earn his own living at man's trades as the white man, a gentleman who sometimes owns farm machinery which he lets to white men, it does seem reasonable that he should live under the same laws to which we submit. If the Indian could no longer hunt all the year round, we might obtain some good farm labor, which is now unobtainable, and the Indian himself would be better off.

It is suggested (2) that the law which allows free miners to shoot game for their own use should be amended so as to prevent its abuse.

As a matter of fact this law is very rarely abused, and not too often used. Any real miner will tell you that deer meat is the dearest kind of meat to a prospector.

A man who is mining or prospecting has not time to hunt, and in the few cases where miners do shoot venison, it is necessary for their existence and the prosecution of their industry that they should do so.

Under the present law any man who, under pretext of holding a miner's license, kills game out of season when not absolutely necessary, or when food is obtainable within a reasonable distance of his camp, can be prosecuted; and any attempt to prevent such a man when out of grub and out of reach of a store, would be preposterous, and could not be upheld, and would kill prospecting if it could be.

Enforce this law as it stands, and it will suffice.

A third suggestion seems to be that something is to be done about the farmer, who kills deer depasturing his orchards or crops. If you are going to prevent a man killing deer, bona fide depasturing his orchards, you had better at once stop advertising this country as a fruit growing district.

You cannot fence deer out of an orchard, and if you are to let them alone when they are in, you might as well go out of the fruit growing business at once.

I say nothing here about the absolute insignificance of the small island deer as an object of sport, or of his value to Indians. E. Higgins will appear for the defense, G. A. Morphy for the crown.

Trolley Men's Dance.—At a general meeting of Local Division No. 109 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, it was decided to hold their annual entertainment and dance during the latter part of January. The question of contributing financial aid to the provincial sanitorium for consumptives was also discussed, and it was unanimously agreed to donate the sum of $10 towards the fund for the proposed institution.

Closing Exercises.—The closing exercises of the Victoria day school, conducted by Mrs. Blaiklock, were held in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. A very attractive programme had been arranged for the evening, in which the scholars took an active part. Four very pretty plays were presented: Hans Anderson; Trial Scene from the Merchant of Venice; French Play; Grecian Band. The Lord Bishop of Columbia occupied the chair and a good number were present. At the conclusion of the exercises the floor was cleared, and the grown-ups enjoyed an impromptu dance, which was continued to a late hour.

Will Pay Dividend.—Today at 10 a. m., Trustee Bernard S. Heisterman will distribute the third dividend of the Green-Worlock estate in premises specially engaged for the occasion at 18 Trounce alley. This dividend will come as a particularly acceptable Christmas present to the Protestant Orphanage, about $1,700 of the funds of which was invested in the bank of Green-Worlock & Co., when it suspended payment. About $60,000 will be paid out on the present occasion, being 20 per cent. Early in the present year, 25 per cent was paid and some years previously 5 per cent, bringing up the total dividends to date to 50 per cent. It is expected that another dividend of 10 per cent will be the final one.

Music in Schools.—At a recent meeting of the First Presbyterian church choir, the following resolution was passed: That the Board of School Trustees of this city be requested to make provision in the estimates for the coming year for the appointment of a competent music teacher, and that the subject of vocal music be taught systematically in the public schools; and be it further resolved, that the action of the members of the Victoria Musical society in resolving to use their every influence to secure the appointment of a music teacher for public schools of the city be endorsed, and we agree to assist to the full extent of our power to this end; and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the school board, candidates for the position of trustee at the approaching elections, and to the newspapers for publication.

Permanent Exhibits.—A most interesting display was added within the past few days to the permanent exhibit in the rooms of the Victoria Development and Tourist association. It was placed in position by the Alaska Bazaar, of Government street, and consists of a large collection of Indian relics and curios. The most prominent specimen is a feed box of the Haidah Indians, of Queen Charlotte Islands. It is made of wood, each side in one piece and dovetailed at the corners. The cover, which is a splendid piece of workmanship, is dug out of a solid log. There is also a full collection of totems, both in wood and jade, together with an assortment of cooking and table utensils, baskets and rushwork. The George Carter Co., Ltd., has also loaned some splendid specimens of Oriental brasswork and miniature statuary.

Local News

Ask for Amherst solid leather footwear.

Sale of Palms.—At Messrs. Eaton & Co.'s sale on Friday next, there will be some choice palms and ferns which have been donated to St. John's church by a member of the congregation. The proceeds of the sale will go to the Chancel Guild fund.

Refuge Home.—At the regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. Refuge home, the following were cordially thanked for donations during the month: Mrs. Lester, Mrs. F. Grant, Mrs. Broadwell (Salt Spring Island), Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Perrin, cash $10.

Holiday Excursions.—For the Christmas holidays the C. P. railway have named a special round trip rate of $3 between this city and Vancouver, the tickets being good for going journey, Dec. 23, 24 and 25, with a final return limit Jan. 2. The steamer Charmer will operate on her usual schedule, sailing from here at 1 a. m. each day, and returning from Vancouver at 1 p. m.

Esquimalt Conservatives.—It was erroneously stated in Wednesday's issue that the convention of the Conservatives of Esquimalt electoral district would be held last evening. The correct date is Thursday, Dec. 27, and the meeting place the schoolhouse, Lampson street. The business in hand will be the nominating of a candidate for the approaching provincial election.

Double Train Service.—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway have named excursion rates between all stations for the Christmas and New Year's holidays, and will also provide a double train service on Monday, 24th inst., the afternoon trains operating on the same schedule as the Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday trains. In accordance with the custom of past years there will be no trains operated on Christmas Day.

Christmas Cheer Fund.—A fund for providing the needy with Christmas cheer was organized last year in addition to what is being done by the Friendly Help society. The promoter hopes that everyone will contribute a dime to the banks which will be placed in the stores for that purpose during the ten days preceding and following Christmas. Special subscriptions may be sent to the manager of the Northern Bank for the credit of the fund.

Charged With Stealing.—Walter J. (Slinger) Woods will appear before Judge Lampman at 10:30 this morning to answer to the charge of having stolen $260 from Alex. Menangh of Sidney. The accused has four convictions recorded against him, three for offences similar to that for which he is now charged and one for supplying liquor to Indians. F. Higgins will appear for the defense, G. A. Morphy for the crown.

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PRESIDENT RESIGNS BECAUSE OF INSULTS

Mr. Dallin Says S. P. C. A. Work Was Made Intolerable by Public

Consternation was caused among the members of the Victoria branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the annual meeting of that body held in the city hall yesterday evening, when A. J. Dallain, who for a long time past has been associated with the organization as president, stated his intention of resigning. At the urgent request of those present, Mr. Dallain was persuaded to continue in the position, at least until a special meeting could be called to consider the question of a successor. Much business was done in the course of the meeting. The annual report of the president was read, showing the society to be in a very satisfactory condition. The now notorious exhibition of so-called "broncho busting" at the late fair was condemned, and the council was called to account for not using the lethal chamber provided by the society for the destruction of homeless dogs. Mr. Justice Martin presided.

Mr. Dallain's Statement

It was when it came to the election of officers that Mr. Dallain startled the meeting by stating his intention of retiring. "I will not stand for nomination again on any consideration whatever," said Mr. Dallain. "A few days ago I had almost decided to cease to be a member of the society, and had this meeting been held last week should probably have withdrawn altogether. But at any rate I shall not again take the position of president. You members who are present here tonight can have no idea of the amount of work that falls on the president of this society. Since I became president I have had virtually no holidays. I have attended to over 1,200 cases, and you can imagine the amount of work that that entails. I do not resign, however, because I am called upon to do the work of a common policeman, of two policemen in fact. It is on account of the insults to which I am subjected that I am led to take this step. It is not the insults of those whose animals I look after that I object to. Anything that comes in the course of my duty I can stand for. It is when I am insulted by certain people of this city, that I feel that I can no longer continue in the office. It was a remark made to me by a lady, however, which completed my decision. The lady was a member of this society, and she made the remark to me as I was going into church. It was a very nasty insinuation, indeed; and such a one as I have never before in my life had made to me. Had it been a man who thus spoke to me, I fear that I should have lost my temper, even though in the porch of a place of worship."

Bishop Perrin voiced the feelings of the meeting when he stated that should Mr. Dallain carry out his intentions it would be a blow to the society at large. Rev. E. G. Miller spoke in the same terms. It was proposed that Mr. Dallain remain in his position until a special meeting could be called to consider the appointment of a successor, and to this Mr. Dallain acceded.

The remaining officers were elected as follows: Honorary president, Sir Henri Joli de Lotbiniere; vice president, Mr. Justice Martin; counsel, Lindley Crease; veterinary surgeon, Dr. Hamilton; treasurer, Dr. Holden; honorary secretary, J. A. Smart; committee, C. N. Cameron, Rev. W. B. Allen, Rev. E. G. Miller, J. D. Pemberton, A. J. Kitto.

President's Report

The president's report was read by Rev. Mr. Miller, as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen.—In presenting their 40th annual report of the Victoria Branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, ending November 30th, 1906, your committee have with much regret, to report the death of their late honored secretary, Mr. F. B. Kitto, who passed to his rest on July 17th, 1906, in the 65th year of his age. He will be greatly missed, but as has been recorded in our minutes, his work and memory will inspire us to continued efforts in behalf of the dumb creatures, to the amelioration of whose sufferings he devoted so much of his time.

We were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. J. E. Smart, as secretary, who entered upon his duties in the month of August. The office of the society being now located at Chancery Chambers, Langley street.

We miss also at this our annual meeting, the presence and kindly words of our late patron, Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere.

Several important matters have been dealt with during the year.

In the first place 212 cases have been investigated, but we are pleased to report that of these 55 were found to be of so little importance as not to warrant the interference of the society, and that none during the year were sufficiently flagrant to come under the ban of the law.

For this we must be heartily grateful. Surely the principles of the society have taken root in the hearts of our people.

The ulk of the work of investigating these 212 cases has fallen upon the shoulders of our president, Mr. A. J. Dallain.

Regarding the lethal chamber, this as you are aware, has been completed and handed over to the city council. The experiments were satisfactory, but we understand it has not been extensively used.

Acting upon a resolution of last annual meeting, a series of lantern lectures were successfully given in the schoolrooms of the various churches; 1200 children and parents availed themselves of this form of education and entertainment and your committee hopes that a continuation of these lantern lectures may be given in the coming year. At these lectures the secretary was assisted by Mr. W. F. Best and Mr. H. F. Pullen, to whom the thanks of this society are due.

The following resolution regarding the hack-drivers and expressmen's licenses was passed:

"That the city council be desired to refuse to renew the license of any hack-driver or expressman who habitually neglects or ill-treats his animals or who is deemed unfit; and if they have not now authority to do so that this society urge them to seek the necessary power from the legislature."

Your committee decided that the by-law with respect to placing the name of owner upon all dump carts and providing the same with props under the shift, be enforced. We consider this a matter which should receive attention, as at present it is more honored in the breach than the observance.

Ladies' Auxiliary.—It is proposed to form a "Women's Auxiliary" to the S. P. C. A., for the purpose of collecting funds and otherwise assisting the executive, and we would ask your endorsement of this plan.

We are pleased to state that a Band of Mercy has been inaugurated under the leadership of Miss Kitto, the society pledging to supply the needs of this juvenile work, and we hope that other Bands may be started.

Financial Position.—The report of the hon. treasurer, duly audited, will be laid before you. We are pleased to state that although the receipts have been somewhat less than last year, the society is able to show a small credit balance.

With the anticipated help of the Women's Auxiliary our position should be very much better in the coming year.

J. E. SMART,
Hon. Secretary.

Report committee, W. Baugh Allen, E. G. Miller.

In moving the adoption of the report, Bishop Perrin spoke feelingly of the loss that the society had sustained in the death of the late Mr. Kitto, who had acted as secretary. His Lordship outlined the aims and ends of the society. The society could not be looked upon as a prosecuting one, and only those cases of which there was an absolute surety of conviction should be brought before the magistrate. His Lordship also spoke at length on the brutality of the display of "broncho busting" at the late fair.

Rev. Mr. Miller, taking up the remarks of His Lordship on the "broncho busting," uttered a scathing indictment against all such exhibitions.

Mr. Justice Martin stated that in his opinion although the exhibition had been within the letter of the law, it was so close to the limit that prosecution would almost have been justified. "Should such an exhibition ever be given again in this city," said Mr. Justice Martin, "I should certainly recommend legal action, and shall myself be ready to supply money to help along the same."

Bishop Perrin explained that a representative of the society had watched the exhibition, but that it had been decided that it was impossible to take legal action.

To prevent the repetition of any such exhibition in this city in the future, the following resolution was drafted, and it was decided to send copies both to the mayor and council and to the directors of the Agricultural society, "That this society at its annual meeting, deprecates the exhibition of 'broncho busting' at the late fair, and trusts that no further occurrence of such nature will again be permitted in this city."

The Lethal Chamber

Rev. Mr. Miller made some inquiries as to why the lethal chamber provided by the society for the destruction of stray dogs had not been used for that purpose by the city. "It is due to those who contributed for its purchase that the chamber be something more than an ornament to the municipal back yard," said Mr. Miller.

It was decided to send a memorial to the council asking why the chamber was not used, and requesting that the city at once take steps in the matter.

The report of the treasurer read in the course of the evening showed a balance of $58.43 in favor of the society.

NEW ZEALAND WANTS STEAMSHIP SERVICE

Will Pay $100.000 Yearly for Service to British Columbia Ports

William Stitt, for five years, agent in Australia of the Canadian Pacific railway, arrived by the steamer Aorangi from Sydney Wednesday morning on his way to Montreal to take another important position in the company's service. Mr. Stitt said the New Zealand government had agreed to give a subsidy of £20,000 yearly for mail service between a New Zealand port and British Columbia, and he believed that eventually the Canadian Australian liners would call at Auckland, New Zealand.

The proposals were that the company should place faster and better steamers on the run and alter the schedule so that instead of having the liners call at Brisbane, 500 further north from Sydney, they would proceed on the same latitude 1,280 miles to Auckland and thence continue to Victoria and Vancouver via Suva and Honolulu as at present. The Queensland people would doubtless object to this arrangement.

The bill for a mail subsidy as passed by the New Zealand government offers $100,000 for a tri-weekly service between a New Zealand port and British Columbia with 6,000 ton passenger and freight steamers with cold storage arrangements and modern conveniences to make the trip from port to port—from Auckland to Vancouver—in eighteen days. This would necessitate the placing of seventeen-knot steamers on the route.

The subsidy given the Spreckels line running between Australia, New Zealand and San Francisco has been renewed and the American companies expects, with the passage of the pending subsidy bill before the United States congress to receive sufficient aid from the United States government to permit of this line being much improved by the replacing of the present steamers with larger and faster vessels. The Orient Steamship company's mail subsidy for the carriage of the Australian mails to Europe via the Suez canal has also been renewed.

Mr. Stitt declined to discuss the action of the Canadian government with regard to the New Zealand subsidy. From other sources it was learned that Canada was the stumbling block in the way of the proposal to alter the route of the Canadian-Australian liners. Some years ago when proposals were made to include Auckland in the ports of call instead of Brisbane the Canadian government declined to agree and the steamers ran to Brisbane. Now the people of that section of Australia will probably fight against the change. It is generally considered that the service could be improved by the substitution of Auckland, for Brisbane, thus tapping the New Zealand market without great loss in Australia as the Queensland freight could be handled by the coasting steamers. At least this is the opinion of arrivals from Sydney by the Aorangi.

Mr. Stitt said the trade between Canada and Australia had increased greatly since he went to the Antipodes five years ago. There is opportunity for far greater development. Australia will take all that Canada can send. There is scarcely an article produced in Canada that could be mentioned, but could find a market in Australia.

While unwilling to talk of any change in the present steamers Mr. Stitt said that if passenger liners such as are used on the Suez route via the Suez canal from Australia by the P. & O. Messageries Maritimes, and other lines were used on the Pacific route the travel would be greatly increased; it would be more than trebled in a short time. The big complements brought during the two trips made each year by the turbine liner Maheno and the Union company's liner Manuka showed the route to be popular.

Before leaving Sydney, Mr. Stitt was entertained by the Lord Mayor of Sydney and a distinguished company at the city hall, and was presented with a handsomely illuminated address in book form, with a purse of sovereigns with which to purchase mementoes for himself and Mrs. Stitt. The Lord Mayor in proposing a toast to the departing agent spoke of the high esteem in which Mr. Stitt had been held during the time he managed the affairs of the Canadian line in Sydney.

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Hewitt—Now, as a general rule, women——. Jewitt—My dear sir, there is no general rule for women.—Town and Country.

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STRANGER IN SEATTLE.

The day was dark and dreary,
And the rain was falling fast,
So I stepped beneath an awning,
Not thinking it would last.
I stood there all the forenoon,
And it never ceased at all,
So I called a hack and rode home,
And that was 'way last fall.

I just had struck the town then,
About a week before,
And didn't know the rain came,
To stay for months or more.
But, I've stayed since last September,
And it's never ceased to fall,
And now I never notice it,
Nor hire a hack at all.

I've bought a cravenet coat,
And a pair of high top shoes,
And the rain I call my sunshine,
And I wade in mud and booze.
And to you that ever lands here,
In the winter—never prattle,
For it only rains eleven months,
In dear old Seattle.

—R. L. Hardin.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben "when a man spreads his self in a love letter he 'imagines he's writin' real poetry when he ain' doin' nuffin' but pilin' up evidence."—Washington Star.

LIVE ON SEAWEED.

Norway Coast Aflame With Seaweed Bonfires at Night.

The gathering and burning of seaweed on the coast of Norway in the spring of the year has become a valuable industry. The ashes thus obtained are shipped for fertilizing purposes, and many valuable chemical substances are extracted from them, the most important being iodine.

The weed grows in veritable forests; not the common grass variety, but actual trees from five to six feet in height, with stems like ropes, and leaves as touch as leather. It begins to sprout in March and April, and gradually covers the ocean bed with a dense impenetrable brush. In the autumn the roots release their suction-like grip on the rocky bottom, and the autumn winds wash it ashore in such great quantities that the weed looks like a huge brown wall along the entire coast.

At the close of each clear day the whole coast seems to be aflame from the thousands of bonfires that are kept burning far into the night.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE.

December, 1906.

(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

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27	4 32	7.2	5 16	7.2	11 14	8.9	19 45	2.3
28	5 19	7.7	6 11	7.6	11 40	9.0	20 13	1.9
29	5 58	7.8	7 04	7.8	12 06	9.1	20 42	1.6
30	6 33	0.8	7 55	6.0	12 31	9.0	21 14	1.4
31	7 06	8.2	8 45	8.1	12 55	9.0	21 48	1.4

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures give height zero to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

NOTICE

Esquimalt Electoral District

A meeting of the Conservatives of the Esquimalt Electoral District will be held at the Schoolhouse, Lampson St., Esquimalt District, on Thursday, the 27th day of December instant, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the approaching election.

Esquimalt, 18th December, 1906.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN

JEEVES—In this city on the 18th inst., the wife of Frank W. Jeeves, 73 Sixth street, a son.

KER—On the 15th inst., at "Kershaugh," the wife of D. R. Ker, of a daughter.

CROFTON — On Wednesday, December 12th, the wife of Alfred G. Crofton, Salt Spring Island, of a daughter.

DIED

NICHELL—On the 17th inst., at St. Joseph's Hospital, John Nichell, master mariner, aged 79 years, a native of Brixham, Devonshire, England.

MUNN—On Tuesday, December, 18th, 1906, at Parson's Bridge, John Munn.

DUNCAN—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 12th instant, George H. Duncan, M. D., C. M., a native of Russell, Ontario, aged 44 years.

DIER—At her residence, 45 Fernwood road, on December 12th, Ellen, beloved wife of W. A. Dier, and daughter of the late Hiram Comfort, St. Thomas, Ontario, aged 55 years.

GWENNAP—At the family residence, No. 47 North Park street, on the 12th inst., Elizabeth, the beloved wife of James Gwennap, a native of Cornwall, England, aged 65 years.

SHANDLEY—At the residence of Mr. Peter Shandley, No. 71 Menzies street, on the 18th instant, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Harold Shandley, a native of Liverpool, England, aged 24 years.

SHIELDS—On the 13th instant, James Shields, a native of California, aged 52 years.

JONES—On Saturday morning, 15th December, 1906, Floret, beloved wife of Mr. Wm. Jones, auctioneer, at the family residence, 51 South Turner street, after a brief illness. Deceased was 42 years of age, and was a native of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, England.

POTTINGER—In this city, on the 15th inst., George Pottinger, a native of Westray, Orkney Islands, aged 83 years.

BARKER—At Cincinnati on the 9th inst., Mrs. Ada M. Barker, aged 38, a native of Victoria, B. C.

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