

stitutions, and government has, properly, nothing to do with them. If we didn't own a mile of steam railroad we would be completely out of debt. Politics will come in and cause useless and unnecessary lines to be constructed. Again, there is no advantage to the people in the way of cheaper transportation or reduced freight rates. I find it just as cheap to ride on American roads owned by private persons as in Australia under public ownership. The tendency toward government absorption of ordinary business, however, is meeting with a check in Victoria. There has been a system of great extravagance, that will soon be ended. Our free education has been costing an immense amount of money because there was no limit put on the instruction of the students. Now, after the age of 13, they can no longer get educated at public expense. Extravagant salaries of government officials have been cut down and the pensioning of government employes abolished."

There is some nutritious food for thought in this statement. Mr. Kerr speaks of something he knows. Victoria has fully tested paternalism and it is a failure.

During the absence of the B. C. G. A. in Vancouver, the city of Victoria will be left in an unprotected state. It cannot be denied that the march-outs once or twice a week produced a feeling of security in the breasts of our citizens, and now that the volunteers are gone many, while they may not say much, will quake with fear. The citizens of Vancouver, if their right arms have not forgotten their cunning, have a dry humorous way of calling out the fire brigade, (at least such a state of things existed last summer,) and pouring a stream of water on visitors. Perhaps the volunteers are going over to prevent the lacrosse team from being deluged with water. It has been remarked by many that very few Vancouver people visited Victoria on the 24th of May, and that consequently Victorians should remain away from Vancouver on Dominion Day. Such a policy would be wrong. The simple fact that Vancouverites are imbued with such narrow minded ideas should not inspire Victorians to retort in kind.

I dropped down to Chinatown for a few hours, one day this week, and in the company of an official visited every nook and corner of the disease breeding district. It is hard to imagine a state of filth so revolting as that which exists in the Chinese quarter. Huts in which a well bred dog could not possibly exist, serve as homes for Chinamen. It is safe to say that there is not a single house in Chinatown which should not be torn down, and expert testimony has already demonstrated this fact. But what can be done when the evidence of people who know nothing whatever of sanitary conditions or requirements is accepted as being just as good as that of an expert? Dr. George Duncan has already condemned half-a-dozen or so Chinese shacks, but they stand yet, and for all some seem to care for the health of our citizens, are likely to stand for some time. This is a question of vital importance, and cannot command too much attention from

the city officials. I intend, in a future issue, to tell the people some of the things I observed during my visit to Chinatown.

It has been asked by many why the officers of the warships in port have not put on mourning for those who lost their lives on the ill-fated Victoria. So far, there have been no outward manifestations of grief, and that there have not has been a subject of unfavorable comment. Mourning of the sailors, I am told, will take a substantial form. They are arranging a concert to be given in aid of the widows and orphans of the men who perished on the Victoria. This entertainment will be held within the course of a few days, and no doubt Victorians will respond liberally to the noble call for assistance.

With the return of Rev. P. McF. Macleod, further developments in connection with the trouble at St. Andrew's are expected. His friends are glad to see him back, while those who should be his friends and are not, manifest a feeling directly antagonistic to the rev. gentleman. It is said that the affairs of the church are in a deplorable condition, and that the hand of some popular clergyman is just now required at the helm. It does not now seem as if a reconciliation could be effected, and what is the next best thing to do is beyond the ken of the worshippers in the house of St. Andrew. For my own part, I deeply deplore a church fight. It affords the infidel an opportunity of scoffing which he invariably takes advantage of.

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### PERSONAL GOSSIP.

E. Dunderdale leaves to-morrow morning for England.

A large number of Victorians will visit Seattle on the 4th.

Lawrence Richardson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, is in the city.

Mrs. W. Allison, of New Westminster, is visiting friends in Victoria.

Mr. H. V. Burner, travelling agent of the Great Northern, is in the city.

A. W. Tweeden and Mrs. Tweeden, of Tacoma, are guests at the Driard.

Miss Cleaveland and Miss Fitch, of Cleveland, Ohio, are at the Driard.

Mr. R. H. Matson, father of Mr. J. S. Matson, left for home Friday morning.

The revival services conducted by Mr. Arrowsmith are being well attended.

A. W. Vowell superintendent of Indian affairs, returned from the Mainland Wednesday.

Miss Hart and Miss Cora Hart, of San Francisco, are spending a few weeks in Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Veitch, of Craig-

flower celebrated their golden wedding on Friday.

E. E. Rand, Miss Band and Miss Walker, of Vancouver, are guests at the Mount Baker hotel, Oak Bay.

Miss Miriam Frank carried off the Governor Generals' medal this year. This same honor was won by her sister, Miss Pauline Frank, last year.

Mr. F. M. Cowperthwaite, principal of the Vancouver Central school, was married, Wednesday evening, to Miss Kate McDougall, late second assistant of the same institution.

Mr. C. H. Barker, well and popularly known in Victoria, has opened a law office on his own account at Nanaimo. Mr. Barker is a lawyer of more than average ability, and will no doubt succeed.

At Calvary Baptist Church, Herald street, a very enjoyable evening was spent on Tuesday. A bazaar was held, and strawberries, ice cream and lemonade were served and enjoyed by a good-sized gathering.

Miss Elizabeth Willis, of Montreal, and George Sangster, of Victoria, were married Wednesday evening at 39 Chatham street, by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Miss K. McCrimmon was bridesmaid and W. Willis best man.

The official enthronement of Rt. Rev. William Wilcox Perrin, D.D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Columbia, took place, Thursday morning, as a preliminary to the meeting of the Synod. The ceremony was at Christ Church Cathedral at eight o'clock. The opening services were conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, after which Bishop Perrin made the customary declaration. The Bishop was then accompanied to his chair by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, by whom he was formally enthroned.

Mr David Phillips, second son of Mr. A. Phillips, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Levi, in Hebrew Association Hall, by Rabbi Philo, Wednesday evening. The room in which the ceremony was performed was beautifully decorated with evergreens. Mr. Joseph Philo played the wedding march as the bridal party entered the room, the procession being headed by Misses Isaacs and Finklestein, as maids of honor. The groomsmen were: Messrs. J. Davies, B. Phillips, C. Phillips, and S. Levi. The bridesmaids were Miss Clara Phillips, dressed in white satin merveilleux and chiffon; Miss Leah Phillips, who looked handsome in blue nun's veiling trimmed with lace; Miss B. Levi, in Nile green nun's veiling, and Miss Kitty Phillips in white silk moire, trimmed with lace. The ceremony having been performed the Rabbi addressed the contracting parties as to the value of the vows they had taken, and wished them a long and happy life. General congratulations followed. A wedding feast was participated in by all present, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to dancing.