



THE SANDS RUNNING OUT.

—From Punch.

The Times Holly

How it Was Appreciated.

The mail continues to bring, almost daily, further appreciative comment from newspapers on this continent and in the Old Land on the boxes of holly sent out during Xmas week from the Times office. This little souvenir has combined in a most effective way an advertisement for the enterprise of the paper sending it, and the climate of the city in which the holly and violets were obtained. Henceforward, as a result of it, Victoria is likely to be known as the "Holly City" quite as widely as it has hitherto been as the Capital City and the Evergreen City of Canada. The wealth of suggestion contained in the newer name will be evident to all, and its effectiveness in the tourist advertising campaign cannot fail to be very great.

A few of the comments follow: From London (Eng.) Daily Chronicle: From Victoria, B. C., arrives a somewhat belated Christmas greeting from the Times Printing & Publishing Company to the Daily Chronicle; but it is a long journey across a continent and an ocean. British Columbia has a delightful mixture of seasons, for the little box contains a sprig of holly and a bunch of violets, gathered from an outdoor garden. We return across the ocean and the continent our good wishes to Victoria for the time of roses, which will doubtless have begun. May it continue!

From Cork (Ireland) Examiner: We have received a New Year's greeting from the managing director of the Times, Victoria, B. C., and in addition a sprig of holly and some violets gathered in Victoria, Christmas, 1904. The Halifax (N. S.) Daily Chronicle, under the caption "Atlantic to Pacific," editorially says: The Morning Chronicle is in receipt of a much appreciated Christmas box from the Times of Victoria, B. C., in the form of a sprig of holly, plucked a few days ago in one of the delightful parks of that beautiful city.

There can be no question about the charms of Victoria's climate. There is probably none better in the world. And its people, too, are well known to deserve all that nature has done for them. The Times furnishes proof, in its every issue, that they appreciate a thoroughly good newspaper. No higher compliment is necessary.

We send them, through the Times, our greetings from "the shores of the mournful and misty Atlantic," which, by the way, Longfellow to the contrary notwithstanding, are neither "mournful" nor unpleasantly "misty," in the latitude of Halifax, at any season, but which, at this season in particular, are bright, bracing and beautiful.

We should like to send the Times a spray of pine or a bunch of hesties from our ever glorious Point Pleasant park, in return for its much-appreciated remembrance, but as that might savor too much of imitation, or trading, we trust

that our Western contemporary will take the will for the deed and accept, without tangible recompense, our very best wishes for it, and, through it, for the people of our sister maritime province of the bountiful Pacific. The West (Regina) says: We have to acknowledge receipt of a pretty Xmas greeting from the Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., which takes the form of a piece of holly and a small bouquet of flowers, packed securely in a dainty box. The box bears the words "Xmas greeting from the Times Printing & Publishing Co., Ltd., of Victoria, B. C. Gathered in outdoor gardens, Victoria, Xmas, 1904." As a dainty reminder of a congenial climate the Times's source is one of the most appropriate. St. John's (Nfld.) Free Press says: The Times Printing & Publishing Company of Victoria, B. C., are original in their Christmas ideas. By yesterday's mail we received a sprig of holly, respondent with berries, "gathered in outdoor gardens, Victoria, Christmas, 1904," with Christmas greetings. These greetings from the extreme West we heartily reciprocate in the extreme East. Holly is rare in Newfoundland, but to many is inseparable from Christmas. We heartily thank the Times for this reminder of old times and old customs.

The Montreal Witness: As a seasonable remembrance, the managing director of the Times, Victoria, B. C., sent out a number of little packages of holly, gathered in open gardens in Victoria this month. They were especially welcome in newspaper offices of the East, where holly is scarce at any time. Hamilton (Ont.) Times: While Hamiltonians congratulate themselves with the fact that they live in the best part of Canada, they admit that they cannot grow holly and violets in the open air at Christmas. They freely admit that British Columbia beats them in this respect. Yesterday we received a Christmas greeting from the Victoria Times' Publishing Co., Limited, in the shape of a small box containing two sprigs of holly covered with red berries, and a small bouquet of violets, gathered in outdoor gardens, at Victoria, a week before Christmas. Icicles and violets do not harmonize.

Spokesman Review: The Victoria, B. C., Times is combining with the offering of Christmas greetings an effective means of reminding people at a distance that its home city has a mild winter climate. It is sending out a neat little Christmas box, with the information that the contents were "gathered in outdoor gardens, Victoria, Xmas, 1904." The contents are sprigs of holly and a spray of blossoms.

Yorkton (Ass.) Enterprise: The Enterprise has received from the Times Printing Co., of Victoria, B. C., a Christmas souvenir in the shape of two sprigs of holly and a boutonniere of flowers, all "gathered in outdoor gardens,

Victoria, Xmas, 1904." As a token of Empire it speaks volumes, coming to Yorkton, where cold is king in winter, from a region within the Dominion where outdoor bloom at Christmas time is quite common. May the sun of prosperity continue to shine on the Times.

Yarmouth (N. S.) Herald: The Herald has received a sweet reminder of the Christmas season a box containing a sprig of holly and violets from the Times Printing & Publishing Co., of Victoria, B. C., with their Xmas greetings printed within a wreath of holly. They bear the inscription: "Gathered in outdoor gardens, Victoria, Xmas, 1904." We tender our far-off contemporary our warmest congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Kaslo Kootenaiian: The Victoria Times is not forgetting its friends at this season, and the Kootenaiian acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a neat box of berries and a boutonniere gathered in the outdoor gardens of Victoria at Christmas time. St. John (N. B.) Globe: The Victoria, B. C., Times sends, with Christmas greetings, a box containing holly and forget-me-nots, just gathered in the open air. Surely the Globe will forget not its contemporary's courteous remembrance. It sincerely regrets that it had just cut the last bunch of holly in its garden for the Christmas breakfast table. All that is left, therefore, is to reciprocate the Christmas greetings of its distant contemporary, and to wish it a happy and prosperous New Year.

MASQUERADE BALL

Held Friday Night Under Auspices of Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society.

The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society held their third annual masquerade ball on Friday evening. The hall was taxed to its utmost capacity, there being over one hundred couples on the floor. Delightful music was furnished by Mrs. Davis (piano) and Mr. Solomon (violin). The prizes were awarded as follows: Best dressed lady, Mrs. McDonald; best dressed gentleman, Mr. Robertson; best sustained character (lady), Mrs. Cherry (washerwoman); best sustained character (gentleman), C. Goodwin (country boy); best comic lady, Miss N. Furman (Topsy); best comic gentleman, L. H. Leigh (schoolboy). The judges were Mr. and Mrs. Cochenour, Mrs. Levy and P. Reeves, who had a very difficult task, there being so many good costumes and characters.

After the unmasking everyone adjourned to the supper room, when full justice was done the good things provided. The dancing was kept up until 3 o'clock, when everybody went home well satisfied. The Victoria West Amateur Dramatic Society can once more congratulate itself on having scored a complete success.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE—INSIDIOUS! DECEPTIVE! REBELLIOUS! has fooled hundreds of trials by medical science to stem the tide of its ravages—and not until South American Kidney Cure proved beyond a doubt its power to turn back the tide, was there a gleam of anything but despair for the victim of this dread form of kidney disease.—54.

MINING NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

The Britannia Copper Syndicate, Ltd., is to hold its general meeting in Vancouver on Monday, February 8th 1905, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At this meeting the regular business connected with the annual gathering will be transacted. A great deal of interest centres in the Britannia Company, which has recently acquired the property on Howe Sound. The Britannia mine has during its history passed through many hands. The present owners have shown a disposition to develop the property and produce high-grade ore, which is not of an exceptionally high grade is nevertheless present in large quantities. A great deal has been spent during the past year in blocking out the ore and preparing for reduction works. It is likely that the smelting of the ore will be done at one of the Vancouver Island smelters, either the Tye Company's works at Ladysmith or the Crofton smelter.

In connection with the annual meeting the balance sheet for 1904 has been prepared for presentation. The capital stock of the company is divided into 400 shares at \$25 each, fully paid, amounting to \$250,000. The mineral property, plant, buildings and water power are valued at \$212,104.13. There is shown on the accounts an unexpended balance of advances in the New York office of \$51,042.74 and cash in the Bank of Montreal \$14,102.54. The affairs of the company are regarded as exceedingly gratifying.

Compressor Finished.

Thomas H. Rea, superintendent of the Hesperus Gold-Copper Mines Co., speaking of the work which his company is doing at the Betts and Hesperus group, which is located in South Willington camp, about three-quarters of a mile from the Adelstein mine, gives some interesting news.

A few days ago the company finished the installation of a five drill straight line hand drill compressor, for power purposes at the mine, and so far have spent about \$10,000 in the improvements made, including boarding and bunk houses, and other buildings at the property. The tracks of the recently completed Great Northern extension to Phoenix are within 1,500 feet of the mine, with which it is connected by a good wagon road. In the spring, if development is sufficiently advanced, it is the intention to commence shipping at the rate of about 200 tons daily.

Development of this new well known group was undertaken nearly two years ago by the Chicago capitalists now interested in the property. The width of the ore body is not definitely known but it extends across both the Betts and Hesperus claims. A good deal of surface work was done on the claims, in exposing and tracing the ore body, and considerable underground work as well. Careful sampling has given an average grade of \$12 per ton, and an experienced shipment to the Granby smelter gave satisfactory values.

A new working tunnel was started farther down the hill, with the object of striking the ore body at a depth of 275 feet. This undertaking is now well underway, and it is expected that the tunnel will be about 500 feet long. It is now in about 50 feet, and contrary to expectations ore has already been encountered. Should the ore body prove, with development, to be 300 or 400 feet wide, as anticipated, the group has every prospect of growing into one of the important mining propositions of the Bonanza.

The Betts and Hesperus group of four claims was acquired originally from John A. Finch, the well known mining operator of Spokane, who had done considerable exploratory work on it. The Chicago men now interested are said to be amply able to finance it, and it is the intention to continue development till the property reaches the shipping stage. The work is immediately in charge of Theodore Herslmer.

New Year Dividend.

The Lucky Jim mine at Sandon has begun the year by paying the first dividend of \$10,000. This property is owned by George H. Hughes and others, and is regarded as one of the richest zinc properties in the northwest. Two thousand tons recently shipped went over 52 per cent. zinc, besides containing a large quantity of fine silver and lead milling ore. This past shipment has attracted widespread attention and is looked upon as but the beginning of a very prosperous era for the mine.

Granby's Plants.

The Granby Smelting Company has given proof that it has every confidence in the future of mining in British Columbia by the additions which are to be made to the plant at the works. Reference has before been made to the improvements in this column, but the following given out by the company itself conveys in a clear way the improvements contemplated and the results to follow:

"It is the intention of the Granby company to install two more blast furnaces. The Granby smelter has six furnaces at present, and is smelting about 50,000 tons of ore per month. These six furnaces are all of the same dimensions, 100x42 inches at the tuyeres. The two new furnaces which are to be installed (contracts having already been let) are to be 207 inches long and 48 inches wide at the tuyeres. This will bring the smelter capacity up to 70,000 or 75,000 tons per month, and will naturally increase the copper production.

"The entire smelting system is being remodeled on a new plan introduced and tried by General Superintendent A. B. W. Hodges. The furnace will be charged by an automatic charging car, which will take the ore direct from the ore bins and place it in the furnaces. General Superintendent Hodges figures

on having the new furnaces and other equipment, which include the required number of blowers and motors, also a large brick stack and extension for the due chamber, ready by the 1st of July, and the Granby capacity from then on will be from 72,000 to 75,000 tons of ore per month. The copper production will increase accordingly, and the output from that time on will be at the rate of 20,000,000 to 22,000,000 pounds a year. The converter plant is also being doubled.

A Large Producer. According to information given out by C. A. B. Lamb, mining engineer at Fairview, the Nickel Plate mine at Hedy is fast becoming one of the greatest producers of gold on the continent. Six thousand dollars a day is the amount of gold being taken off the plates of the Nickel Plate mine, a greater amount than that produced by any mine in British Columbia. This is in addition to the concentrates, which are being allowed to accumulate in anticipation of the advent of a railway, when the company will add a smelter to its many enterprises. Then the amount will be increased to a considerable extent.

Messrs. Wollaston and Arundell, of Victoria, who discovered the Nickel Plate and sold it to its present owners, the Daly estate, have just bonded the adjoining property to Victoria people for \$40,000. When development is carried out, it will be found that many very rich mines are located in this district.

Detailed and corrected figures have been furnished showing the exact amount of ore that was reduced at the smelting works of the Granby company at Grand Forks for the past calendar year, says the Phoenix Pioneer. The total is a little short of 600,000 tons of ore, the exact amount being 596,232 tons. In the year 1903 the same smelter treated 401,920 tons, the increase being, therefore, about 45 per cent. for 1904 over 1903. The following table shows the tonnage treated by the smelter for each month of 1904: January, 57,255; February, 56,986; March, 55,760; April, 47,512; May, 48,467; June, 48,941; July, 37,046; August, 47,303; September, 49,795; October, 45,714; November, 49,411; December, 52,361; total for 1904, 596,232.

Of this total there was shipped from the company's Phoenix mines a total of 549,703 tons of ore. This leaves 46,529 tons of custom ore that was received during the year. This custom ore coming

from Republic, Roseland, Ymir and other mines. The production of metals from this ore for the year 1904, the figures for December being estimated, as they are not yet available for that month was: Gold, 50,094 oz.; silver, 217,472 oz.; copper, 17,843,399 lbs.

MARKET GARDEN GIRLS.

Colony Formed in Kent, England, on Co-Operative Plan.

Our great ancestress Eve was admittedly a failure as a gardener. Her daughter of to-day is going to be a success.

Trained in the work of a garden, to the lighter arts of farming and to the care of poultry, she is going to turn her craft to commercial account. The necessary habit of daily labor in the open air she has already acquired—partly in the garden of her home, partly among the market plots and trial seed beds of the horticultural college thirty miles away. Now she is going to take her own risks and spade and hoe, and with the initiative and initiative of the educated woman, the knowledge she has gained and the skill she has acquired, she is going to earn her livelihood.

She has formed a small colony in Kent, and, in company with half a dozen other garden girls, is renting nine or ten acres of land, which are practically all market garden. She could not get the couple of cottages close by which she had hoped for, and so in one corner of the garden there has arisen a long, low bungalow on brick foundations, with upper works of wood and corrugated iron.

In this bungalow the girls, mothered by an old servant of the old type, live in community together, and, in consequence, reduce proportionately the cost of their living. Each hires a separate plot in the great field garden and invests her capital and industry therein. Each works independently within her own boundaries and profits or loses according to her own intelligence and industry, but all unite at times in the co-operative spirit, and the heavy cost of hauling, freight, marketing, of extra labor at certain seasons, and of the purchase of seeds and roots and fertilizers is borne as far as possible collectively, and, as a consequence, with a greatly reduced individual cost.—London Daily Mail.

"MY HEART WAS THUMPING MY LIFE OUT." Is the way Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Brockville, Ont., describes her sufferings from smothering, fluttering and palpitation. After trying many remedies without benefit, six bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart restored her to perfect health. The first dose gave almost instant relief, and in a day suffering ceased altogether.—51.

The Den

I must say that I am greatly disappointed. Perhaps I was foolish—or at least too hopeful—but I did think that I was going to get it.

Sixty great silver dollars every month! Rising to seventy-five, in good time! Two dollars and a half per diem! Ten bob a day! And gone! Let us hope the fortunate prize winner appreciates his luck. As for me, I will whisper words of courage to myself. With plums like that to fight for once in a lifetime, the bookish man's existence is not uneventful—and may be not unprofitable—and there will surely be openings for an assistant or two—of course at a less dazzling wage.

Two-fifty a day. That's as much as a real mucker gets at the mines, or a swash canoe man, or a wheelbarrow chiflonier, or a brakeman, and librarying is not nearly so hard on the hands as wheelbarrowing and railroad engineering. As for the brain, I must suppose I differ from those who classify it as manual labor.

Of course, the books, the blood and sinew of a library, may be judged and bought automatically by a weighing machine, but some slight knowledge of binding is desirable. Your true Cullinachus, too, must be alert and tactful as a car conductor (Dominie Sampson has no place in a public library), must know the names and faces of his clients, and, like the conductor, must be quick to recognize and pass up with a respectful smile—our aldermen, God bless them.

Anyway you take it, a librarian dispenses as much knowledge, and with as much care and nice judgment (if he be worth his salt), as a college professor, and talks less profusely. Truly, he may draw down his fifteen a week (eighteen, seventy-five, in time) without blushing; and if our dear, good Carnegie is successful in squeezing through the needle's eye without loss of ribs, he is sure to be the best paid of his librarians may follow after and swaggers through the breach, arms akimbo, with never a bump. They are free of mammon, if any are.

Pounds and shillings, dimes and dollars, are they worth to the true mind? Kings and potentates, seers and scholars, Seek for wealth of another kind—

Never a one of them finds content in speculating for cent. per cent. Ever, until the last coin is spent, To their bank books they are blind.

Power and patronage, wit and knowledge, These are the quarry of men full souled; Thence and thence room, cell and college, Gladly for wisdom exchange their gold. Love of the people and confidence, Science, that measures the firmaments, Loans to them larger than thirty cents On a death gaze, bought and sold.

Just as well for the bookworm that he does not over value money. There is no sense in worshipping a golden calf that you can't rope, and most mavericks are only plated when you come to brand them.

Let the librarian ponder on the thoughtful kindness that gives him a salary free of income-tax, and be thankful. He might have been made a judge with a position to keep up, and decisions to be reversed, and all sorts of untaxed costs; or a member of the American federation of presidents, who are going to strike for an increase of \$50,000 a year, and a union label on all American born perances.

He might, heaven help him, have been a czar, with his own people pelting him from Petersburg to Gatchina, as though he were a British fishing fleet. Let him be content, and at the month ends he may sing with Kipling: When Moses came down with his tablets of stone

("It's all one," says the scholar, He chose from the Levites a Librarian— An up-to-date, qualified Librarian, With the rank and pay of a scholar.

When Joseph, grown rich on his corner in wheat, Gave Egypt Libraries in each county seat, He stocked them with qualified Librarians, With the rank and pay of a scholar.

When Solomon, after cannibal trials, Gave his wives half a brick kiln of Hieroglyphs, He bled for his household a Librarian, With the rank and pay of a scholar.

When Euclid and Plato got tired of their play, We picked up their writings and fried 'em away. All indexed so neat by the Librarian, With the rank and pay of a scholar.

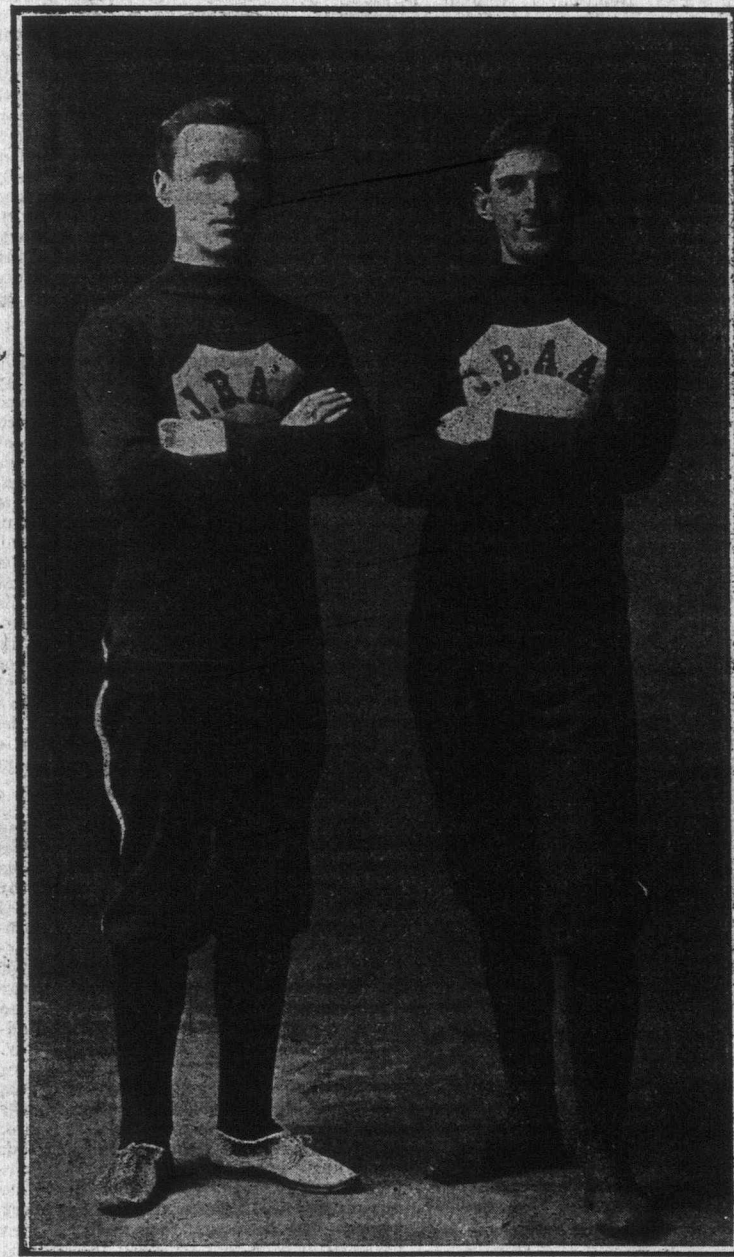
Musie Teacher—Johnny is improving daily in his violin playing. Johnny's Mother (gratified)—Is that so? We didn't know whether he was improving, or we were just getting more used to it.

The beautiful colors seen in the soap bubble arise from the fact that the bubble, being very thin, reflects light from both the outer and inner surfaces of the film.

The Peruvian railways have all been consolidated. They are now controlled and operated by an English syndicate.

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J. HART. B. C. PETTINGELL. J. B. A. A. HANDBALL CHAMPIONS.

The recent James Jay Athletic Association handball tournament was won by J. Hart and B. C. Pettegill after one of the most exciting finishes in the history of local athletics. Until reaching the semi-finals they did not show up to particular advantage, although losing only one game throughout the series. But their opponents had obtained a considerable lead and enthusiasts did not look upon Messrs. Hart and Pettegill as the possible winners. However, it was not long before they began to show their ability, winning out against some of the strongest of the competing pairs. By a succession of brilliant victories and some of the finest exhibitions of the popular pastime seen at the J. B. A. A. Gymnasium, they placed themselves second in the competition. Then there was the Jost-Finelson combination to defeat. This they undertook with their usual confidence and determination. Full accounts of the final struggles between Messrs. Hart and Pettegill and Finelson and Jost have already been published by the Times, it is therefore unnecessary to go into the details of how the former won the championship. Suffice it to say that the matches were among the best ever played on the James Jay court. The prominent feature of the team play of Hart and Pettegill in their combination. When the speed and accuracy, developed to an unusual extent in both players, are considered, their success can easily be understood.

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