PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Revenue and Expenditure for the Fiscal Year Ending Last June.

Balance Sheet Showing the Financial Standing of the Province.

The minister of finance yesterday laid before the house the public accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895. The balance sheet shows the liabilities of the province to be $6,499,688.84 while the assets total but $3,075,010.86. Included among the assets are several amounts which have been placed there for years, and others which the province is not likely to realize upon. For instance there is $8000 which the province paid on account of the dry dock and which the government have been expecting to get from the Dominion government for years. Other familiar "assets" are $1,128.62, said to be due from the state of Washington; the $22,973.44 advanced to the Island Mountain Quartz Mining Company; $15,075 interest on the Victoria & Sidney railway bonds and $375 advanced to J. C. Prevost. The balance due from agents total $17,513.39. To the liabilities was added during 1895, $2,037,000, the amount of the 1895 loan.

The annual guarantee to the Shuswap and Okanagan Railway came to $49,980, against which the province received $8,495, forty per cent. of the gross earnings. The province having in 1891-92 received the Dominion subsidy of $163,200, there remains to the credit of the company $17,211. The accounts do not contain a statement of the earnings of the Nakusp & Slocan railway.

REVENUE.

There was quite an increase in the revenue to June 30, 1895, the large increases being in timber leases, miners' certificates, general mining receipts, licenses, real and personal property and provincial revenue taxes. The revenue collected in Alberni increased three-fold and in Comox more than three-fold. There were also large increases in Nanaimo, Yale, Lillooet, the Kootenays, Cariboo and Cassiar. A comparative statement follows:

	1894-95.	1893-94.
Dom. Canada—Interest	$29,151	$29,151
Subsidy	35,000	35,000
Grant per capita	78,588	79,434
Land conveyed	100,000	100,000
Land Sales	25,880	33,917
Land revenue	7,049	6,104
Timber royalty, etc.	16,581	18,720
Survey fees	2,228	494
Rents, excl. of land	16	81
Timber leases	49,544	24,925
Free miners' certificates	31,190	23,015
Mining receipts, genl	41,647	25,545
Licenses	32,050	26,601
Marriage licenses	3,080	3,040
Real property tax	78,302	86,414
Personal property tax	94,336	84,782
Wild land tax	34,566	35,947
Income tax	6,409	6,634
Provincial revenue tax	52,266	45,080
Registered taxes, arrears	41	33
Tax sale deeds	60	10
Revenue service, refunds	60	112
Tax sale commission	14	92
Fines and forfeitures	7,761	9,389
Law stamps	11,093	11,360
Probate fees	7,036	4,072
Registry fees	39,124	46,845
Assay office fees	359	331
Asylum for insane	4,920	1,777
Printing office receipts	6,332	5,236
Sale gov. property	436	1,090
Sale con. statutes	18	54
Reimbursements in aid	4,179	5,776
Interest	12,885	34,619
Chinese restriction act	25,437	27,387
Miscellaneous	15,707	4,014
Succession duty	619	.....
Premium N. & S. R. b'ds	22,981	.....
	$876,908	$798,570
Interest on sinking f'ds	19,117	23,089

The revenue collected in the several districts was as follows for the two years:

	1894-95.	1893-94.
Victoria City	$78,649	74,029
South Victoria	15,286	.....
North Victoria	5,442	20,382
Esquimalt	17,531	15,018
Cowichan	4,087	6,049
Alberni	14,345	5,709
Nanaimo City	6,236	8,577
North Nanaimo	13,183	.....
South Nanaimo	7,150	18,814
Comox	50,661	15,281
New Westminster City	23,137	28,404
Westminster	36,922	46,277
Vancouver	28,914	32,380
Yale	77,161	66,380
Lillooet	17,088	14,050
East Kootenay	15,943	11,553
West Kootenay	66,162	56,370
Cariboo	23,820	15,695
Cassiar	12,488	4,057
Coast	.....	15,548
Canadian Pacific Ry	8,250	.....

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure increased by $388,239, the increase being made up of $40,000 interest on the public debt; $100,000, discount and commission. There were also increases in the cost of the administration of justice, education, asylum, museum, provincial home, hospitals, transport, revenue services and big increases in the expenditure for roads, streets and bridges and the parliament buildings. On the latter $191,867 was spent. A comparative statement of expenditure follows:

	1894-95.	1893-94.
Public debt—Interest	$179,887	$130,090
*Sinking funds	65,411	79,692
Premium and exchange	305	3,968
Discount and commission	174,456	73,586
Consolidation (Act 1891)	1,036	705
Loan (Act 1895)	1,812	.....
Civil gov. salaries	145,590	150,066
Admin. justice, salaries	127,558	120,154
Legislation	30,419	48,019
Printing office	8,080	8,578
Assay office	764	706
Asylum for insane	17,741	13,896
Museum	2,151	1,948
Provincial home	799	.....
Hospitals and charities	48,630	44,818
Justice, general	74,861	73,415
Education	189,037	169,050
Transport	13,973	9,979
Rent	48	48
Revenue services	11,636	9,826
Work and buildings	101,206	140,570
New parliament bld's	191,867	55,954
Government House	2,666	5,181
Roads, bridges, etc	425,629	262,478
Surveys	27,756	55,893
Miscellaneous	119,918	133,547
	$1,972,336	$1,594,091
*Less chargeable investment account	65,411	79,692
Net expenditure	$1,906,924	$1,514,405

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Helmcken to Again Bring Up the Songhees Reserve Question.

Several notices of motion have already been given by members of the legislature. They are:

Mr. Helmcken—Whereas at various times resolutions have been passed by the legislature of the province of British Columbia in parliament assembled, urging upon the Dominion government the desirability of obtaining the removal of the Songhees tribe of Indians from the reserve to some suitable locality; and whereas it is highly desirable that effective steps be taken to accomplish the object aforesaid: Be it resolved that a respectful address be presented to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor to request the Dominion Government's consent to refer the question of removal and settlement to a special commission consisting of three commissioners, one to be appointed by the Dominion government, one to be appointed by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, and the two so appointed to agree upon a third, and in the event of the two so apointed being unable to agree upon a third, one member of the Supreme court of British Columbia shall be the third commissioner.

Mr. Helmcken—To introduce a bill intituled "An act for the benefit of mechanics and laborers."

Mr. Kitchen—To introduce a bill intituled "An act respecting co-operative associations."

Mr. Helmcken—In view of the recent conflicting judgments as to the constitutionality of the Small Debts act, is it the intention of the government to introduce at the present session such legislation as will secure the proper working of the said act.

TIMBER DUES.

Full Text of the Order-in-Council Passed at Ottawa.

The full text of the order-in-council passed at Ottawa on January 3, providing that the dues on lumber sold in this province for export to Manitoba and the Northwest Territory shall be 5 per cent royalty on sales; and the dues on lumber otherwise exported from the province at the same rate less a rebate of 40 cents per M. is contained in yesterday's Gazette. The order follows:

"On a memorandum dated 10th of December, 1895, from the minister of the interior, submitting that by the order in council of the 25th of July last, the licenses of timber berths situate in the railway belt in the province of British Columbia were permitted to pay dues on the timber cut by them at the rate of 50 cents per thousand feet B. M. instead of a royalty of five per cent on the sales of lumber, and they were also entitled to receive a rebate of 40 cents per thousand feet on manufactured lumber exported from the province, except upon lumber shipped to Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

"That representations have been made to the minister of the interior by the licensees, that this new regulation makes the dues on the lumber sold in the province and shipped to the province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territory higher than formerly, when they paid a royalty of five per cent on the sales, instead of a fixed rate of fifty cents per thousand feet.

"The minister states that lumber at the present time is selling in the province of British Columbia at from $7 to $9 per thousand feet. The royalty thereon would therefore amount to from thirty-five to forty-five cents per thousand feet less than the dues of fifty cents per thousand prescribed by the order in council of 25th of July last, above referred to.

"The minister recommends, as it was the intention of passing the said order to give relief to the licensees instead of burdening them with an additional tax on the lumber cut by them, that the dues on lumber sold in the province and exported to Manitoba and the Northwest Territory be 5 per cent. royalty on the sales, and that the dues on lumber be at the same rate less a rebate of 40 cents per thousand feet."

One Honest Man.

Dear Editor:—Please inform your readers that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest, home cure, by which I was permanently restored to health and manly vigor, after years of suffering from nervous debility, sexual weakness, night losses and weak shrunken parts. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost faith in mankind, and thank heaven I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp. L. A. Edwards, Jarvis, Ont.

American News.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Lodge has made a canvass of the senate on the Davis resolution affirming the Monroe doctrine, and has not been able to find more than eight votes that will be cast against it. It is too early yet to say when the vote will be taken.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—The fierce storm here is increasing. It is raining and snowing hard, and telegraphic communication is partially cut off.

Sandy Hook, N. J., Jan. 24.—An easterly rain storm, which struck the coast about midnight, is stil raging at a velocity of about sixty miles an hour. What can be seen of the ocean is one mass of foam. Several vessels sought shelter in the bay yesterday, anticipating the storm, and anchored in safe places.

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DAY'S SHIPPING NEWS

Bark Prince Albert on the Rocks for a Short Time This Morning.

The Collier Mackinaw Reaches San Francisco in Safety—Other Shipping Items.

From Friday's Daily.

The N. P. R. steamship Hankow, which left Yokohama at 1 p. m. on Thursday the 9th instant, arrived at the outer wharf at 8 this morning. The Hankow had an uneventful trip across, the weather being moderate during the entire journey. On the 17th a steamer, supposed to be the Victoria, was passed. Cape Beale was sighted at 11 o'clock, and by six this morning the steamer was off Race Rocks. The Hankow does not carry a full cargo this trip, having but three thousand tons, of which 423 tons will be discharged here. There are no saloon passengers for Victoria, but 23 steerage, composed of two Europeans, nine Chinese and twelve Japanese. The steamer brought over 26 bags of mail. She will finish discharging here about 4 o'clock to-morrow and will then go to Tacoma to discharge the balance of her freight. The Hankow will arrive here on her return voyage to the Orient about Saturday, February 1.

Victorians interested in the Italian man-of-war Christoforo Colombo were surprised this morning when a telegram from Vancouver announced that the visitor, which passed Carmanah about 4 yesterday afternoon, had arrived at the Terminal City about 8 o'clock this morning. It appears that the officers on board had made arrangements at Honolulu to visit Vancouver first and then spend a few days with the British fleet at Esquimalt before going to San Francisco. When the Colombo reached Royal Roads last evening she made known her presence by firing a salute. The people of Vancouver were also taken by surprise as they did not expect this visitor. As the Colombo only remains there till to-morrow noon only an informal reception will be given by the citizens to the officers on board. The Colombo will arrive at Esquimalt sometime to-morrow evening. Ing. Ettore Patrizi, editor of the San Francisco L'Italia, will leave on the Charmer to-morrow morning to meet the visitor.

New York, Jan. 24.—The easterly storm which set in yesterday continues. The wind hauled round to the east south-east this morning, and at nine o'clock was blowing a fresh gale, with a high sea, accompanied by rain. Owing to the prevailing wind the tide fell but little. There have been several new arrivals at quarantine since midnight. Steamer Alpha, Roman Prince, Olympia, Italia and Eluminez arrived early last night. The captains of these ships are greatly overjoyed at getting safe into harbor before the storm struck them. All reported a very wild sea outside Sandy Hook. Three large ships were passed south of Highlands. These vessels hauled off shore, not daring to approach land. Several tows of barges bound out, returned and anchored off Staten Island.

Puget Sound pilots are discussing the advisability of establishing a station at Cape Flattery. The great advantage will come in to vessels approaching the Cape under much such circumstances as did the ill-fated Janet Cowan. All vessels will still have to tow up, but there are many times when they approach the Cape and are compelled to stand off and on, or cruise out to sea because no tugs show up. With a pilot aboard they could run inside safely and find a safe harbor in which to await a tug.

R. Dunsmuir & Sons have again chartered the whaleback City of Everett to make two or three trips from San Francisco to Departure Bay after coal. Her between decks have been taken out to fit her for coal carrying. She left San Francisco for Departure Bay on Tuesday last. The Everett will probably go permanently into the employ of R. Dunsmuir & Sons, and the Southern Pacific jointly, for carrying coal from the Union Colliery to San Francisco.

New York, Jan. 24.—The China ships Clarence S. Bement, Captain Franck, and William Connor, Captain Pendleton, crossed the bar together last night outward bound. The John Currier, Captain Lawrence, and the Josephus, Captain Gilkey, left later for the same port, Shanghai. The ship that first reaches her destination will win a purse of $400 which the captains have made up.

Three men were lost off the schooner Golden Shore, from Puget Sound for Melbourne with lumber, during the past week. Mate Johnson went overboard during a storm and two seamen trying to rescue him were drowned.

Schooners Fawn, Capt. M. Foley, and Oscar and Hattie, Capt. Thos. Magneson, cleared yesterday to hunt seals on the West Coast. The Fawn carries a crew of eight white and twenty-four Indian hunters, and the Oscar and Hattie eight whites and twenty-eight Indians.

D. Cartmel, Lloyds' surveyor, left on the steamer Mischief yesterday to make a survey of the wrecked Janet Cowan in the interests of the underwriters. He will probably return to-morrow.

The new propeller for the Strathnevis will arrive at Tacoma on Sunday. The big ship will be docked as soon thereafter as possible.

British ship Candida, now discharging at the outer wharf, has been chartered to load wheat at Tacoma for Cape Town, Africa.

From Saturday's Daily.

Capt. John Irving, manager of the C. P. N. Company, received a dispatch from Capt. Rudlin, stating that a ship was at anchor close to the South West Point of Discovery island when the Charmer passed this morning. It was blowing hard at the time with a nasty sea, so that the Charmer could render no assistance. People living in the vicinity of Oak Bay could easily see the ship. She appeared to be on the rocks near Discovery Island, and was attended by a tug. About 11 o'clock the Constance left to render assistance. The staunch little tug made Discovery Island through a heavy sea, and although she stood off for some nothing of the vessel could be seen. As the tide was exceptionally high about nine o'clock this morning, the vessel probably floated and proceeded on her way to Vancouver. She is supposed to be the Prince Albert, which left the Royal Roads last evening in tow of the tug Active.

The Christoforo Colombo is expected from Vancouver this evening. She will remain in Esquimalt for several days to allow the officers and crew some time on shore after their long voyage. Yesterday Mayor Collins of Vancouver formally welcomed the visitors to that city. A number of consuls and others also visited the man of war and paid their respects to the Duke of Abruzzi and other officers.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The American ship Roanoke, Captain Jos. Hamilton, which left New York 217 days ago, has at last reached port after a season of disaster and delay. Three of her original crew were lost in the Atlantic and 16 were left in the hospital at Rio de Janeiro.

Collier Mackinaw, for which some uneasiness was felt on account of her failure to reach San Francisco on time, has arrived safely and started yesterday on her return trip.

The steamer Charmer will leave the inner wharf for Vancouver at ten o'clock this evening and the outer wharf at two o'clock to-morrow morning.

The steamer Victoria of the N. P. R. arrived in Yokohama on the 22nd inst.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Annual Meeting Shows an Encouraging State of Affairs.

The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church was held last evening. The Rev. Dr. Campbell presided. The reports were very encouraging, and must have given great satisfaction to the pastor and the people. The session's report showed that 52 members were received into fellowship, 43 infants were baptized and 28 marriages were solemnized during the year. All the people were urged to make regular contributions, however small, through the envelope system, to the support of the church, and to do so every Sabbath as an act of worship, conscience enlightened by prayer deciding the amount," and to "devoutly and earnestly pray for increase of grace, and ingathering of immortal souls."

The report of the board of managers had in it a tone of considerable encouragement, notwithstanding the financial depression in the city. Balance from 1894 on hand, $506; receipts during 1895, $4289.74; expenditure, $4212.30; liabilities, $269.99; cash on hand, $77.44; balance liabilities over assets, $192.55.

The report of the Ladies' Aid Society was written with a pen dipped in sunshine, and had nothing but words of good cheer. The talent system was adopted and well sustained. During the year $600 was paid on the mortgage debt, $325.65 given to assist the managers, and other incidentals paid out, in all amounting to $981.35, which is a good showing for the ladies of the congregation, of which considerable credit is due to the indefatigable treasurer, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, who has always stood at the head of the talent contribution.

The Christian Endeavor report was the best in the history of the society. It gave an extract from the pledge which made a deep impression on the meeting, and showed the high spiritual life of those who live up to it. The society has in charge the ushering of the general congregation, and its young ladies collected for the missionary work carried on by the Presbyterian church $242. The society painted the church. Balance from 1894, $50.85; receipts, $290.95; expenditure, $338.35. The society made an offer through its president to raise $500 during the year for the liquidation of the mortgage debt, if the congregation as a whole would raise $1500.

The Sabbath school, one of the largest in the province, is well organized and conducted by an efficient corps of teachers and officers. The report concludes: "We are glad to say that our school has prospered financially and numerically, and it is our prayer that God may endow us with health and strength during 1896, to enable us to do better work to His honor and glory than we have done in the past. We have introduced the Canadian Sabbath school literature in accordance with the wishes of the general assembly, and it is meeting with a favorable reception." The library has been increased to 482 volumes. Receipts, $360.42; expenditure, $338.32. One peculiarity of the school is an annual competition flower show of plants nurtured by the pupils.

The choir, under the efficient management of Mr. J. G. Brown, is large and in a high state of efficiency. Receipts, $176.36; expenditure, $159.91.

The trustees of the church property paid on the mortgage debt $750, leaving a balance still unpaid of $4250. Messrs. Frank, Dempster and McDermid, Walker, Cameron and Wilson were appointed to the board of managers. A cordial vote of thanks was extended to Miss Wilson, who led the service of praise at the prayer meetings, to Mrs. Hall the choir organist, who is about to retire, to Mr. Brown, all the choir, the ushers, the young lady collectors, the Christian Endeavor, the ladies' aid, the managers, Sunday school teachers and church officers.

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BOUNDARY CREEK.

A Grand Mining Country Much in Need of a Railway.

Greenwood City, Jan. 22.—The little mining camp of Greenwood City, being only three months old, has, as yet, no place on the map of British Columbia, and is probably scarcely known in the far away capital city, yet we predict in the not distant future it will be one of the busiest points in the province and have a reputation that will extend far beyond its present borders. We base our predictions partly on our own observations, and partly on the opinions and observations of men who have grown old in the mining industry, who have seen such a place as Butte in its infancy, and have watched it growth to a populous and wealthy city. "I consider the prospects of this country are better than they were in Butte when I first saw it," were the words of a prominent citizen of that place who visited this country a short time ago.

The country referred to is the Boundary creek mining district, situated just north of the international boundary line, remarkable for its large bodies of mineral, probably the largest in the Northwest. The mineral found in the largest quantities is gold, but in some camps there is a large percentage of copper and silver. There are ten camps and a large number of promising claims, including the Stemwinder, owned and operated by Butte parties, in which they have recently struck some high grade ore; the Monarch, bonded a few days ago by Mr. Geo. Turner, of Vancouver, for $12,500; the Gold Drop, Morrison, Ironsides, Knob Hill, Winnipeg and many others. Though there are no working mines, a good deal of development work has been done, and, it is said, in every case, the claims have improved. Some of the ore is of low grade, and since it will not pay to ship it, it is probable that several smelters will be erected in this country, and it is expected that construction will begin on one at least in the spring.

This country needs better means of transportation, the nearest railroad being the Spokane & Northern, which is 65 miles away. Mr. Tye, representing Mr. Heintze, and other capitalists, has made a preliminary survey for a railroad from Rossland to Penticton, and will apply to the legislature for a charter. It is to be hoped that railroad construction will commence in the spring, and be pushed to an early completion, since it means much for the development of this country. We have a mail once a week to and from Victoria and other points on the Coast, which does not appear to us to be sufficient; but the attention of the authorities has been frequently called to this matter, and nothing has been done. Hundreds of United States stamps are used here weekly, and mails are forwarded via Marcus, Wash. At present we are having quite a winter in this country, and the snow on the summits is deep, but the weather is pleasant. In Greenwood City a good deal of work is being done on the streets. A saw mill is being put up with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day, and as soon as lumber can be procured about a dozen buildings will be erected. Travelling by stage in this country over mountain roads is far from pleasant, at this season of the year, and not many are coming in, but in the spring there will no doubt be a great influx of people, especially from the neighboring state of Washington, as this country is far more prosperous than most mining districts in the United States. H.

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Send 12 "Sunlight" Soap wrappers to Lever Bros., Ltd., 23 Scott St., Toronto, who will send post-paid a paper-bound book, 160 pages. For 6 "Lifebuoy" Carbolic Soap wrappers, a similar book will be sent. This is a special opportunity to obtain good reading. Send your name and address written carefully. Remember "Sunlight" sells at six cents per twin-bar, and "Lifebuoy" at 10 cents. One cent postage will bring your wrappers by leaving the ends open

A KICK FROM COWICHAN.

To the Editor: I would like to have something to say about the proposed amendments to the present "game laws," suggested at the meeting of the so-called "Game Protection Association." Two of their amendments I shall certainly make a kick against, and those are the tax on guns and the appointment of constables to search our premises for game, supposed to be shot out of season. The party suggesting these amendments is too much of a tyrant for this free country. Does he suppose we are all Anarchists? The next thing, they will want to take our guns away from us, or tax them so heavily that only the rich can afford to use them. How are we going to protect our chickens from the hawks or our apples from the crows and bluejays? Nothing but a gun will scare them away. What is this "game association" composed of, anyhow? There certainly are no real farmers belonging to it, but if so, they must be of the kid glove and long-stocking variety that have other means of living, and don't have to make it out of the land. It is very likely, this association is mostly hotel-keepers and sports around Victoria, who want the government to protect the game for them, then, when the season comes in, they rush off and kill big loads of it, to sell.

Any new settler making a home in the woods suffers more or less from the deer. He is not able to make a first class fence (and it takes a good one to keep the deer out). Perhaps he builds a few logs and brush, good enough to keep the cattle out, then when he makes his clearing larger he can burn it up. Well, for the first few years the deer bother him quite a bit. They trample his grain, and bite the heads off, pick his peas for him, nibble his garden stuff, and ruin his fruit trees, and the only recompense he can get is to go and shoot one of the thieves, either by means of a torch, on a dark night, or by getting up early and watching until daylight for them. But they are very cunning and after getting one, or perhaps two, they soon get onto the racket, and they will watch you. Their tracks are plain to be seen, but you don't get any more deer. I have noticed several times that a field after being sown with grain would look as if it would yield 25 or 30 bushels to the acre, but when it is threshed you get may be 15 bushels or less. The game has got the rest. One settler told me that he sowed a bushel of peas and threshed out a pint. He had seen as many as ten deer get out of his little patch at one time, but of course this is some years ago; they are not so numerous now, and a good thing too; the farmer has enough to contend with, droughts, floods and low prices for his produce, without having to feed a lot of thieving game. And now these sports in Victoria want to tax our guns and have the government send the constables after us.

If these fellows want to turn the country into a game preserve, let them buy us farmers out first, and then they can have the island to themselves. What right have they got to ask the government to protect the game unless they get our consent? And now, Mr. Editor, I will give you my plan how to preserve the game, and without much expense to the government. Stop the sale of the game and you do away with the pot-hunters' trade. Take away the inducement to make money out of it, and no one is going to kill a deer or game if he can't sell it. Any one wanting game, let him go and hunt it. Have a close season, but give the farmer the right to kill at all seasons to protect his crops.

A COWICHAN FARMER.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends, with the best goods obtainable. As for instance we mention Perry & Cameron, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers, as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 75 cents per bottle by all druggists. Langley & Co., wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

—See the prize puzzle in the window at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson St.

If it is true that women marry through motives of curiosity, as the men allege, why do so many of them marry the second time?

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Land Registry Act.

The South half of Section Ten (10) and Sections Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) Comox District, excepting that portion of Section Twelve conveyed to Alexander Urquhart by indenture dated the 30th day of December, 1878.

Whereas the Certificate of Title of George McFarlane to the above hereditaments bearing date the 30th day of May, 1890, and numbered 817A, has been lost, and application has been made for a duplicate thereof:

Notice is hereby given that such duplicate will be issued unless cause be shown to the contrary in writing within one month from the date hereof.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Deputy Registrar General.

Land Registry Office, Victoria, 31st December, 1895.