

indicated, the possible explanations of "how it happened" were narrowed. But curious and unsatisfactory features about the evidence must have recurred to those who heard it in court. How Chief Simpson should have been so positive that Constable Green spoke to the effect that he "had seen forty odd (number given), cases of suicide and that this was the clearest,"—while Constable Green himself said he had no recollection of saying that, or altogether denied it. Then it was also noticeable that the doctor who first examined the body was obviously agitated in the witness box at that second inquest. Doctors are human like the rest of us, and the excitement of the case—and the fact that it was a second inquest—probably explained the doctor's obvious nervousness. At any rate there can be no question as to the importance of his evidence. As for the men who had been working in the vicinity and who had referred to the deceased nursemaid as "the nightingale," because of her singing, it might be easy for them—if they were in the neighborhood several days—not to remember the particular day in which they last heard her sing. (The second inquest was held weeks after the time of death.)

THE VERY SUGGESTION THAT FACTS bearing on the case have been withheld or wilfully covered up by financial considerations, is repugnant to all used to British justice. Whatever the power of money may seem to be in some criminal cases south of the line, we believe that Canadians, wherever born, would strenuously resent even the suggestion that any immunity from crime can be secured by either wealth or position.

For our part, we suggest that if the circumstances of this case—and others—threaten to baffle local detectives the chief authorities might very well ask Scotland Yard, London, to loan the Province the use of one of their most experienced men.

After all what is the use of inter-Empire connection if, in such cases, there cannot be reciprocity? Besides such action would only be in keeping with an extension of the "Metropolitan" idea.

"UNLESS YOU HAVE IDEALISM you can do nothing with a newspaper." Those words were uttered at a recent meeting of Vancouver Journalists' Institute, whereat the publishers of the three Vancouver Dailies were all present in person, and in turn acknowledged the hospitality of the Institute in speeches as varied in type as the characters represented. The new members of the "Province" management made a happy impression, the "Sun" publisher cheerfully let daylight or at least a certain form of "Sun"-light—into a few quarters, while the managing director of Vancouver's latest Daily, by his remarks, made clear that the "Star" of the West was likely to be a rising one. But the quotation opening this paragraph was not taken from the address of any publisher. The reference to idealism fell from the lips of the senior member of the journalistic profession in the west—"Diogenes," who is usually so felicitous in public speech, even if the occasion be only that of moving a vote of thanks.

IN AN AGE AND A PART OF THE EMPIRE in which—Community Service Clubs and other organizations notwithstanding—such an expression as "Its a cold-blooded business proposition" is apt to become hackneyed by use by certain types of business men, who speak and act as if the whole business of this life were to make money, it is all the more essential that

a community have in it men of vision who are not afraid to remind their fellows, in effect, that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth."

HOW EASILY A MISTAKE MAY BE MADE by an association of names has been brought to our attention by a reader who noted that in the Educational Notes of last issue, "Spectator" mentioned the name "Mrs. Rounsefell" in place of "Mrs. Ceperley"—in connection with the handsome gift of Playground equipment at Second Beach, Stanley Park. We venture to take this opportunity of directing the attention of those who may scan these notes to the "Spectator's" page. "Spectator" is one of a group of experienced writers, whose sustained, practical interest in the work of this magazine is one of the things that inspire its management towards the expansion of its service. For what "Spectator" has to say on any subject is always worthy of consideration.

STILL WE MIGHT NOT AGREE with all his views re education. For instance, influenced by the comparative method, we think it is questionable if "free education" is not carried too far. Questioning is prompted, not from the standpoint of taxation, but on the oft-demonstrated ground that what most human beings secure too lightly or easily, they value—in proportion. But this is a subject for an article, rather than a note.

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