

WOMEN FAIL TO GET FRANCHISE

CANNOT VOTE MERELY AS HOUSEHOLDERS

Chief Justice Holds That the Law Is Clear on the Subject.

The women who are not municipal voters by clear definition of their right have failed in their effort to be restored to the list by a legal interpretation of the provincial legislation which cut them out. Chief Justice Hunter late Monday afternoon refused to grant Mrs. B. Huckle a mandamus compelling City Clerk Downer to place her name on the list.

The whole case turned upon what the intention of the legislature was and the language in which they expressed it. Two years ago the wording of the Municipal Elections Act left it open for every woman over 21 who registered to vote, and thus giving the sex womanhood suffrage, which male residents did not have. In the consolidation of the act and amendments last session the definition of the household elector, multummen excepted, was altered to mean anyone who pays at least \$2 in taxes, other than taxes on land, water rates or dog tax. In plain English this meant, and is now held by the Chief Justice to mean, that a "householder" voter is one who has paid the \$2 road tax collectable from every male between 21 and 60. This, of course, excludes women who are not freeholders or holders of a trade license.

R. T. Elliott, K. C., had heard yesterday for Mrs. Huckle. He based his argument largely on the fact that "householder" was defined to "extend to and include" certain classes, while other terms in the act are defined to "mean and include." From this he argued that the legislature, by using different words in the interpretation clause, intended that the word householder should have not only its common law meaning, but would be extended to the meaning set out in the act. It followed from this that his client and all in a like position who had paid all taxes due to the city were entitled to be registered as voters. The proviso regarding the \$2 road tax was applied in her case as she was not liable for it.

W. J. Taylor, K. C., contended himself with a statement of the city's position, which was of no avail. The Chief Justice went into the clauses and the declaration which applicants have to sign carefully, and said he could not come to any other conclusion than that the law was clearly intended that no one should have a vote who had not contributed \$2 to city treasury exclusive of land taxes, water rates and dog tax. That was the unmistakable intent of the legislature, to which he must adhere.

Mr. Elliott remarked that this decision would deprive over four hundred women of a vote.

"Well, if you wish to appeal I will do all I can to facilitate the matter," said the Chief Justice. "I will see that the argument is put down early in the Full court list and that you are given every opportunity to get a decision without delay."

"And I will undertake, for the city, that if any appeal is taken this lady's application and any similar ones will be held over pending the decision of the Full court," added Mr. Taylor.

THE SANATORIUM.

Work Is Progressing at the Tranquille Institution.

Dr. C. J. Pagan, secretary of the B. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society, turned the first sod for the sanatorium at Tranquille on Wednesday last, and work is going on actively. The contractor, William Odell, has a large force of men on the work, and through the generosity of the lumber companies, which have contributed some four million feet, there is plenty of material on the ground to go on with. Arrangements will soon be made for the laying of the corner stone.

The main building of the sanatorium, on which work has commenced, will consist of two wings, each 170 feet long by 35 feet deep, connected by a building 35 feet long, making a total frontage of 375 feet. The work will cost \$50,000. At present the administration building will not be proceeded with.

Twenty-eight patients are receiving treatment at present, and are housed in the former ranch residence and in tents. The C. P. R. has laid a spur line to a point opposite the sanatorium, which will enable supplies to be readily hauled across Kamloops lake.

Monday evening the members of the First Presbyterian Club held their first debate of the season. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, that a lady, cranky woman is better than an untidy, good-natured one." Miss McQueen and Mr. Alex. Fraser held the affirmative and Miss McKillop and Mr. VanMunster the negative. Both sides brought out some very excellent points and the judges had a hard task, but after a lengthy discussion they decided in favor of the negative, and all present seemed to agree with them. Miss Sessmith and Miss Wilson contributed solos. The club will be holding a social next Monday evening, and all strangers will be very cordially welcomed.

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TEMPLARS ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Nanaimo Is Selected as Place of Next Meeting of Order.

The grand lodge for British Columbia Templars, Order of Good Templars, met for the third session of the convention this morning in the rooms at the K. of P. hall, with the election of officers for the year and the choice of place of meeting for next year, which fell to Nanaimo. The lodge also dealt with the question of affiliation with the new grand lodge of the Dominion and the Yukon, and will reach a decision on the matter at this convention.

The officers elected for the year: Rev. C. Wellesley Whitaker, Vancouver, grand chief templar; Mrs. J. Taylor, Vancouver, grand vice chief templar; Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Victoria, grand councillor; J. N. Evans, Duncan, G. E. superintendent; Rev. C. M. Tate, Duncan, G. S. J. T.; Rev. J. P. Hicks, Victoria, G. C. T.; S. Gough, Nanaimo, grand treasurer; R. G. Matthews, Vancouver, grand secretary; F. Hopkins, Nelson, grand marshal; W. F. Higgins, Richmond, grand chaplain; Dr. Lewis Hall, Victoria, I. D. G. C. T. Yesterday afternoon an official visit was received from the mayor, who gave an address of welcome. Mrs. Peters, national superintendent of Juvenile Templars of Washington, and Mrs. G. F. Gotterill, of Washington grand lodge, gave addresses and greetings.

Sister Peters' report showed an increase of 50 per cent. in membership. The report of the grand electoral superintendent brought out the need of local option. The treasurer's report showed a credit balance, and an optimistic report was read by the grand secretary.

Last night a banquet was tendered the visitors at the First Presbyterian schoolroom by the local lodge. Mayor Hall acting as toast master. The visitors expressed themselves heartily as to the entertainment of the Victorians.

To-night N. C. T. Wash, G. F. Cotterill, Bishop Perrin and Mayor Hall will deliver addresses at the public meeting at Institute hall.

HAVANA EMBEZZLEMENT CASE.

Revenue Collector Extracts Nearly \$200,000 From Coffers of Department.

Havana, Oct. 21.—An examination of the accounts of Miguel de Latorre, collector of internal revenue for the province of Havana, who is under arrest here charged with the embezzlement of \$195,000 of the funds of his department, shows that the amount he served 25 years as treasurer of the fiscal zone of Havana. He has made a partial confession saying he has taken from the department safe many packages of coin and currency which has been deposited there as cash bonds in suits pending in the courts. He refused to divulge, however, what he did with the money.

The discovery of the loss was made during a special audit of the accounts of the Governor Magaon of all government departments in anticipation of government intervention.

Quebec, Oct. 22.—Hon. F. X. O. Methot, a member of the legislative council of Quebec, is dead.

REMARKABLE RECORD OF THE POSTAL DEPARTMENT

Conservative Deficit Turned Into Big Surplus Under Liberals, While Cost of Service to the Public Has Been Cut in Two.

Terrifying pictures are drawn of the graft and incompetence that characterize public undertakings. It is argued that as the work now done by national and municipal governments is done badly, the field of their operations ought not to be enlarged. One department of government in Canada that furnishes no material for such argument is the post office. There was a time when it had a deficit of \$781,152. This was in 1896, the last year of the late Conservative administration. To-day it has a surplus of \$1,101,327. Considering the nature of the service, and the enormous and sparsely settled territory which is covered, this result is truly remarkable.

The result is not obtained by unduly burdening the persons who use the mails. On the contrary, the service rendered in return for a postage stamp is probably better value than is obtained for any other expenditure of money. Note the fact, too, that while the cost of living has been steadily augmented and almost every staple commodity has increased in price, the cost of transmitting letters and other matter through the mails has been steadily reduced. Since 1896 the following reforms have been made:

The drop letter rate was reduced from two cents to one cent.

The inland letter rate was reduced from three cents to two cents.

The letter rate from Canada to the United States was reduced from three cents to two cents.

Cut in Postal Rates.

The letter rate from Canada to Great Britain, and to every portion of the British Empire, has been reduced from five cents to two cents.

The rate on Canadian newspapers and periodicals sent from publishers in Canada to subscribers in Great Britain and other parts of the British Empire has been reduced from eight cents per pound to one-quarter of one cent per pound.

The rate on newspapers and periodicals sent by general public in Canada to Great Britain and parts of the British Empire has been reduced from

OPENING OF AGED WOMEN'S HOME

MAYOR HALL PERFORMS INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Attractive Decorations and Tasty Viands—Large Number in Attendance.

The long looked forward to opening of the Old Woman's Home took place yesterday afternoon. The bright sunshine, added to the genuine interest taken in the undertaking by the people of Victoria, brought together in large numbers Victoria's representative citizens.

Promptly at three o'clock, the home was formally opened by Mayor Hall who in a few well-chosen words expressed his appreciation of the good work which had been accomplished, and his hope that the necessary funds might be forthcoming from time to time, to carry it on. The mayor was accompanied by Mrs. Hall, and with her made a tour of the rooms, and after partaking of refreshments took his place in the institution which interested him so much.

In the rotunda, the young ladies of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, enlivened behind an artistic crimson and black arch of scroll work, sold toothsome home made candy arranged in fancy baskets.

In one side of the dining room, afternoon tea was served by the ladies of the First Presbyterian church at small tables decorated with white asters, and at the other side were fancy work tables presided over by Mesdames Leiser, and a thriving business was done at these tables both afternoon and evening, as the articles offered for sale were a combination of usefulness, cheapness, and beauty.

In another room Miss Sill and Miss Vaughn assisted by several other young ladies, had on sale a number of beautiful plants and cut flowers.

On the upper floor, in the sun room, at dainty tables adorned with yellow chrysanthemums, ice cream and cake were served, and in another part of the room, a half circle rising about six feet and draped in red and black, served as a fish pond, where with rod and line, one could try one's luck for the small sum of ten cents and run the chance of drawing up almost anything from a pin cushion to a Japanese cup and saucer. The ladies of the Maccabees had charge of this.

The matron's cosy sitting room was much admired. Downstairs opening of the main entrance is a comfortably furnished reception room. All the bedrooms are of a nice size and have commodious clothes closets, and no efforts have been spared by the matron, Mrs. Leslie Clay, and the rest of the committee to accomplish the greatest possible good with the least possible outlay.

During the afternoon the music was furnished by Bell's orchestra, and in the evening the City band was in attendance. To-day Mr. Parkhurst's mandolin orchestra is rendering a lengthy programme.

CHAMBERS JUDGE HOLDS A LATE SITTING

Victoria West Arbitration Case Came Up But Action Was Deferred.

There was a lengthy sitting in Supreme court chambers Monday, owing to the fact that there will be no judge here for some time. All are now on the Mainland engaged in court work, and Full court convenes in Vancouver shortly. Chief Justice Hunter sat late in order business, of which there was quite an accumulation.

In the divorce proceedings of Brownell vs. Brownell, Thornton Fell applied to have certain paragraphs in the application of the wife for an alimony allowance, pending the suit stricken from the record, on the ground that they were scandalous and were not material. The court agreed that charges of immorality had nothing to do with alimony, which was altogether a matter of dollars and cents, and struck these references out. J. A. Aikman appeared for the other side.

One of the property owners in Victoria West who is effected by the arbitration proceedings, Mrs. Sarah Ward, Langford street, is asking an order prohibiting the arbitrator, D. R. Harris, from going on and declaring the whole proceedings invalid. R. T. Elliott, K.C., contends that the cost must be charged to the city as a whole, and that the by-law providing for the arbitration is invalid by reason of the cost being entirely thrown on Victoria West. As the arguments on this application will take some time the application was left over for a time to be fixed.

SHIP JUPITER HAS PERILOUS VOYAGE

Troubles Begin First Day Out From Liverpool—Difficulties Not Yet Over.

As the climax to the troubles of a long and stormy passage from Liverpool, Capt. L. Funder, of the Danish ship Jupiter, found upon arrival at Port Townsend that his vessel is subject to a fine of \$5,000 for failure to produce a consular bill of health. But this is not the master's only worry. He was also informed that the ship's cargo of creosote is liable to an import duty amounting to \$14,000, covering the import on the metal casks in which the fluid is stored.

The Jupiter sailed from Liverpool on Good Friday, April 17th. To this fact the superstitious sailors ascribe all the ship's troubles. Her adventures during a passage of 185 days include fighting the gales in the Atlantic, a fight with the elements of fifty-four days in rounding Cape Horn and the loss of rigging and sails.

The ship's cargo is consigned to the Pacific Coast Company's Eagle Harbor plant, for which port the vessel departed after completing customs entry at Port Townsend. The duty levied is alleged by Capt. Funder to be wholly new and without precedent. He claims to have been informed that the ruling in the matter is entirely without precedent and issued since the departure of his vessel from Europe. On the ground that the ship is true he will ask release from the payment of \$14,000, which is fixed at an appraisement of 45 per cent, on the valuation of 27 shillings and 6 pence per cask. The point is of vital importance to the owners of sailing vessels engaged in the creosote carrying trade, as at the present time two other ships, the Sardinia, from London, and the Hawthornbank, from Ternauzen, are bound for Puget Sound with similar cargoes.

It is estimated that should the United States government officials demand a full settlement for duty on the casks, as imposed on the Jupiter, a payment of \$38,000 is to be collected. Adjustment of the case is of vital importance to importers of the preservative.

The trials of the Jupiter on her long and memorable passage from Europe constitute a story of marine adventure rarely equalled in the history of the world. That is exceedingly rare with modern ocean trips. It is logged that almost from the first day out of Liverpool the ship encountered trouble. While off the mouth of the river, a gale came on and was met that seemed certain would send the craft to the bottom. After having weathered it the fore and main royal yards and sails had been blown out and the entire rigging demoralized. Weather encountered in the Strait of Horns is pronounced by Capt. Funder as the worst experienced in a long life of sea-going. Fifty-four days, practically every hour of which was marked by battles with storm and floating ice, were consumed in sailing from latitude 50 south in the Atlantic, to 50 in the Pacific.

Capt. Funder has filed a protest against payment of the \$5,000 fine for failure to produce a consular bill of health. He explains that when his agents called upon the American consul at Liverpool for the document, no one authorized to issue papers could be found. The following day was a holiday and with Sunday following he put to sea without the papers hoping that the unusual circumstances would prove sufficient extenuation to escape being fined.

The ship's cargo consists of 4,737 metal drums of creosote. The vessel was formerly the British ship Lord Dufferin, and as such visited Puget Sound in 1888 and 1890. She is 1,651 tons register and built in Copenhagen.

The death occurred Monday afternoon at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Mrs. Mary Louise McEachern, wife of A. E. McEachern. Deceased was a native of St. John's, Newfoundland, and was 40 years of age. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her loss a number of young children. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 756 Hill street, Rev. T. E. Holling will officiate.

NO ALTERATION IN CABLE RATES

GENERAL MANAGER OF PACIFIC BOARD HERE

John Milward Says Wireless May Connect Pacific Islands.

John Milward, general manager in Australia for the whole of the Pacific section of the Pacific cable board, arrived last night en route to Sydney, the Australian headquarters of the board, where he is returning from leave spent in England. At the Empress this morning he said the business of the board had maintained the same standard and was controlling its share of the Australian cable business in competition with the Eastern Extension Company, which prior to the establishment of the all red cable route held the monopoly.

Referring to cable rates, Mr. Milward said no reduction or increase was contemplated. The coding of merchants' messages has grown within the past few years, so that the value given is greater than might appear. The rate of three shillings per word for thirteen thousand miles compared, he said, more favorably with the rate of one shilling for the two thousand miles across the Atlantic, nor did he think the merchants as a whole were desirous of a reduction in the Pacific rates.

The board does not contemplate any further extension of the cable system at the present time. Although there are several proposals for extension, which would welcome cable connection, the business to be derived from them would not warrant the expenditure entailed in the establishment of connections. The possibility of connection with the islands, however, is probable through the introduction of wireless systems by which connection with the Pacific cable would be had. The future of wireless, according to its present state of development, does not promise to be capable of spanning the Pacific he thinks, owing principally to the fact that wireless for long distances does not commend itself for regularity, while the possibility of tapping messages, which would also tend to prevent its popularity with the merchants of the world. The wireless is at present not sufficiently developed for general use in commercial purposes.

The state of the Pacific cable is excellent, having been down six years and beyond the ordinary maintenance requires no repairs or renewals. For strategic purposes Mr. Milward cites the fact that the cable as laid from England placed at a depth of three and a half miles, which would act as a preventative against damage in time of war. Should any accident happen to the Eastern Extension Company's cable, England would still have connection with the southern hemisphere.

Mr. Milward returns to Australia with more extensive powers than heretofore, now controlling the whole of the Pacific cable. Owing to the death of Mr. Reynolds, the direction has been divided into two sections, the English and the Australian, the London official controlling the former and Mr. Milward the latter. He will leave to-night on the steamer Tees for Banfield, and will return to Victoria on November 1st, leaving for Sydney by the Aorangi on the 9th prox.

NO FOUNDATION FOR MACGREGOR CHARGE

Contractor Laid Man Off Because He Had No Work for Him.

At Ralph Smith's meeting at Esquimalt last night, Moses Macgregor, a carpenter, who calls himself a Socialist, and who he had lost his job on the post office extension work because he had asked questions of Mr. Smith at a previous meeting. In order to prove the truth or otherwise of this report, an interview was sought this morning with Robert Dinsdale, of the Esquimalt & Malcolm, who was in charge of the work. Mr. Dinsdale stated that Macgregor had not been discharged, but simply laid off for a week or two because there was no carpenter work for him to do. When the first floor of the building had been finished there was no carpenter work to be done until the walls had been completed. This would take all this week.

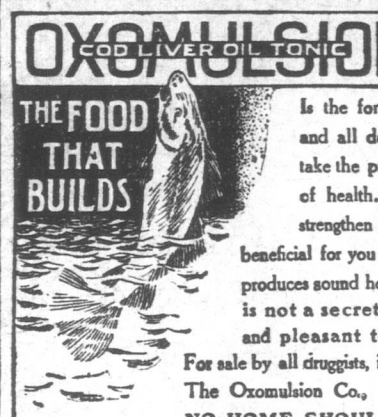
Further discussing the question, Mr. Dinsdale stated that Macgregor came to him and asked if he was being put off for political purposes. He was told simply that there was no work in his line requiring to be done at present.

Further, Mr. Dinsdale told the reporter that when Macgregor came to him Macgregor stated that he would only keep him on until after the election he would not be requiring work after that date.

In regard to the statement made at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council that non-union men were being employed by Mr. Dinsdale, that gentleman said that the statement was wholly untrue. So far as he knew, every man on the job was a union man, and the union buttons were certainly very visible in evidence. There was but one carpenter working and he was a union man.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Barnabas church on Wednesday at 2 o'clock when Mr. Walter Porter, a well known and popular young rancher of Chemainus, was married to Miss Lily Cumming, of Cadboro Bay, Rev. E. G. Miller officiating. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. C. C. Revan, wore a handsome blue cloth travelling suit with hat to match. After the ceremony a few friends assembled very informally at Mrs. Sabins' on Frederick street, to offer their congratulations and best wishes to the newly wedded pair. Mr. and Mrs. Porter left by the E. & N. train this afternoon for Shawnigan Lake en route for their home at Chemainus.

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DELIGHTFUL TIME AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Young Peoples' Society Held Novel Entertainment at Weekly Meeting.

A very delightful time was spent by the Young Peoples' Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Monday night, G. Brown, the convener, having arranged a novel entertainment, in the form of a magazine, replete with the latest and most up-to-date fiction, contributed by the different members of the society, and edited by Mr. Brown. The programme commenced with an amusing guessing contest, which tested the knowledge of the audience on the different magazines. R. McKay and Miss Jeffrey were awarded the prize for this, the latter being presented with a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

This was followed by a Limerick contest in which Miss Lawson was the winner of \$5 worth of soap given by the Golden West Soap Company.

The contents of the magazine were then read by different members of the society.

Rev. W. L. Clay contributed an amusing story, "Across the Strix and Back." Miss Mowat a beautiful little poem, "My Indian Maid"; Miss Lawson a clever little story of a half-breed Indian boy with a glass eye, known as Big Bob; Miss M. Cameron told in an amusing way "What the Boys and Girls are Anxious to Know"; Mr. White contributed a realistic backwoods story; Jeremiah Slocum gave his "The Death of Nelson" by Mr. Gaults, whose voice is well suited to that class of music. He was heartily applauded and encouraged. A vote of thanks was accorded to both singer and speaker. A liberal collection for missions was taken up. The meeting closed with "The Maple Leaf For Ever" and the National Anthem.

WHY HE ESPOUSES CAUSE OF BRYAN

Frank Monnett Says Standard Oil Is Swelling Republican Campaign Fund.

Salt Lake City, Oct. 21.—Frank S. Monnett, a former attorney-general of Ohio, addressed a large meeting of Utah Democrats at the Salt Lake theatre last night. Mr. Monnett, after discussing the principal issues of the campaign, said: "The reason I left the Republican party and advocate the election of Mr. Bryan is due to the fact that while I was prosecuting the Standard Oil trust in Ohio and with every reason to expect a successful issue, the Republican campaign fund of Ohio was swollen by the contributions from the Standard Oil Company, and in return that company was allowed to name the personnel of the Supreme court of Ohio, whereupon all Standard Oil cases were promptly dismissed. Then I became a Democrat."

The marriage of Mr. J. A. Sullivan and Miss May Gold, both of this city, took place Tuesday. Rev. Leslie Clay performed the ceremony. The bride was given away by her mother, while her sister Edith acted as bridesmaid. Mr. Thomas Fletcher was best man. The wedding was a quiet one. The happy couple left for the Sound on a honeymoon trip.

The crysanthemum show to be held at the Carnegie library, November 4th and 5th, in aid of the Orphanage, Hillside avenue, promises to be a very enjoyable event. Fathers and mothers are asked to show their interest in the children of the "home" by their attendance on this occasion, and thus enjoy the cheering sight of these favorite flowers.

The men who took the loan of an E. & N. velocipede on Sunday to take them on a hunting trip, were discharged from custody Tuesday afternoon by Magistrate Jay. The company had decided not to press the case and no appearance was made, but as no permission had been obtained from the attorney-general to withdraw the case, final evidence had to be put in order to bring the matter properly before the court. After hearing the evidence the magistrate said there was no proof of criminal intent and he discharged the men, but imposed on them strongly that they must respect other people's property. "That is all the company wants," Superintendent Hussey said. "They have been annoyed for years by people taking their bikes and often not bringing them back, and they wish to have a stop put to it."

Meerschaum comes principally from Asia Minor in Morocco it is used as a substitute for soap.

NELSON NIGHT AT METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

Young People Hear Address on the Hero of Trafalgar.

Nelson night at the Metropolitan Epworth League Monday evening was a grand success and drew a good attendance. It was under the literary department of the League, and Miss West, vice-president of that department, presided. After devotional exercises R. W. Coleman, of the C. E. Union, addressed the meeting, urging all the young men who were qualified to vote to register.

Following a reading of the church, Rev. T. E. Holling, addressed the meeting. After a brief introduction, the pastor at once launched into his subject. He considered that there was in Lord Nelson a remarkable combination of six qualities, viz: Intrepidity, enterprise, love of honor, devotion to duty, tenderness of heart, and manly piety. These various qualities were illustrated by incidents from Nelson's illustrious career. A vivid description of Nelson's death closed the address, which was followed with close attention and deep interest by everyone present.

A fine effect was produced by the singing of "The Death of Nelson" by Mr. Gaults, whose voice is well suited to that class of music. He was heartily applauded and encouraged. A vote of thanks was accorded to both singer and speaker. A liberal collection for missions was taken up. The meeting closed with "The Maple Leaf For Ever" and the National Anthem.

The Victoria clearing house shows that for the week ending October 20th, the total clearings were \$1,225,824.

The ladies of St. John's guild will hold their annual Christmas sale of work in the school room, Herald street, on Tuesday, December 1st.

The Ladies' Musical Club do not want any comments after the concert which they intend giving next Saturday night.

The Victoria Social Club held its first dance Monday night in the Sir William Wallace hall. Hereafter they will hold dances on the 1st and 3rd Monday in each month.

The case of Smethurst vs. Victoria Terminal Railway & Ferry Company, which was set down for hearing in county court Tuesday, has been postponed until next week.

The latest bulletin to be issued by the provincial government is one dealing with the game fishes of British Columbia, prepared by J. P. Babcock, deputy commissioner of fisheries. The work is profusely illustrated with cuts made by Binner & Co., of Chicago. A number of the views are local ones. The booklet is intended to give information to those who seek the pleasures of fishing in British Columbia.

A regular meeting of the Natural History Society was held Monday evening, there being a good attendance. An excellent programme of papers to be read during the winter season was finally adopted, many members agreeing to read scientific papers before the society. After the transaction of the usual routine business, the paper of the evening was read by Frank Sylvester, the subject being, "Old Time Reminiscences of British Columbia." The lecture dealt with scenes and events in Fort Alexander and vicinity in 1880, and contained much interesting matter, the meeting being a late one.

At the meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society Monday it was decided to institute a house to house canvass for the purpose of soliciting members and aid for the work. The material association will be asked to make an appeal through the different churches of the city, and every effort will be made to create a greater interest in this most important undertaking.

A very creditable booklet on Vancouver Island in which attention is given to Nanaimo, Nanos Bay, Parksville, Comox, Cumberland and the northern parts of the island generally is being distributed. Harry Hemming of the Drilard Hotel, has had a special edition prepared with "compliments of Harry Hemming, Drilard Hotel, Victoria, B. C.," stamped in gold letters on the cover. These he is distributing among his guests thus advertising the attractions of the remainder of Vancouver Island.

The congregation of Victoria West Methodist church gave the pastor, Rev. A. E. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts a pleasant surprise party Monday evening. A large number assembled at the home of Mrs. W. Goudie, Wilson street, and then proceeded to the parsonage, carrying with them some handsome wedding presents. On behalf of the church Mrs. Popham presented to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts two handsome parlor chairs and an expensive rug. Other members of the party brought useful gifts with them, and all gave expression to the esteem in which the pastor and his wife are held by the congregation. The evening was spent in social intercourse, and refreshments were served by the ladies. Mrs. Shenk and Mrs. Popham were the committee in charge of the affair, and their efforts met with complete success, everyone voting the evening a most enjoyable one.