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PERSONAL.

After a pleasant sojourn at the different popular resorts of Southern California, Mr. Margison, a member of the Young Men's Christian Association, returned several days ago. Among other places he visited San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose, and was particularly impressed with the friendliness of members of the Y.M.C.A. branches at each place. Presenting his membership ticket he was welcomed and made to feel much at home as one of the local members. He says that the features of the headquarters of the association in both San Francisco and San Jose are the swimming baths, which are used by large numbers every day. Hearing of Mr. Margison's ability in gymnastics, he was requested at San Francisco to give an exhibition, and his proficiency surprised some of the best athletes. "Anyone who imagines that he can do the Y.M.C.A. A membership ticket is of inestimable value to young men in a large city. The local association will spare no trouble in giving information regarding the best boarding localities and the things really worth seeing."

Among the arrivals by the steamer *Verona* from the West Coast Wednesday evening were a number of residents of Port Renfrew, who are here conducting business with pleasure. They report considerable activity in the San Juan district at the present time, both the mining and smelting industries having lately been developing favorably. A number of properties are still being operated by the company represented by H. E. Newton, but that the intentions are this summer are not known. It is not unlikely, however, that the mines will be opened up on a larger scale. The lumbering business is looking up, and they predict that the magnificent timber of the district for many years.

O. A. Nickerson, of Nova Scotia, was among Wednesday's visitors at the rooms of the Victoria Tourist Association, Fort Street. Mr. Nickerson has been making a extensive tour of the Sunny South and made short stays at all the well known resorts of California. While there he collected an interview with H. Cuthbert, as they then touring the country, and decided to visit Victoria on his return. Although he was only able to stay here about a day he pronounced this city as one of the most beautiful places he has seen during his trip. It excited, in his opinion, all the such extolled California resorts, with perhaps the exception of Pasadena.

Rev. J. P. Westman, pastor of the Central Methodist church, returned from a visit to Vancouver, where he occupied a pulpit at the Wesley Methodist church on Sunday, Tuesday night. During his absence services were conducted at the Central church by Rev. W. Prescott, R. A. Vancouver. The occasion was the anniversary of the Sunday school, and the children were massed on a mammoth platform for the morning and afternoon services. In the forenoon Rev. Mr. Prescott addressed the children especially, and in the afternoon a programme of readings, recitations and appropriate musical selections was rendered. The visiting clergyman returned to the Terminal City, Tuesday.

Lachlan McMillan, of this city, has passed his second year examination at the Victoria Medical College and is ranked with credit, his total average being 85 per cent. He is spending his summer vacation with Dr. Ernest Hall at the Burrard sanitarium.

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SCENES FROM CANADIAN HISTORY.
 No. 27.

Scene from Canadian History: The Indians here were compelled to submit, and a treaty was made with their chiefs at a treaty table which keeps New France free from their attacks for twenty years.
 Answer to last week's puzzle: Making the Indian's name through the Mohawk valley, till the Indians beg for peace.

A SECRET OF THE SEA.

By MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON.
 Author of "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "Elsie Grace," "Queen Sweetheart," "Elsie a Veil," "Fortune's Sport," "A Woman in Grey," "The Barn Stormers," &c.

CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.)
 The Woman of the Photograph.

"The memory of my mother has been like a clear white light shining on the dark places of my life," he said, gently. "She has been to me like a star. My childhood has no history apart from her, and the first chapter of which she was the dear and beautiful heroine, was broken short, I hardly know what to tell you of her, except to say that she was like an angel. When she used to read to me in the Bible or other books about kings, I always imagined that she must be like her. What our name was I didn't know. I was taught to call her mother, and she called me Dick. I was too young to know that it was necessary to have other names besides mother and Dick. We lived in different places, big towns and little towns, and even tiny villages. They were as dreams to me now. Only my mother's image stands out clear. We were always together, she and I, never separated. Vaguely I recall from other little boys who had mothers and I had been out together, came to the door and listened. She asked a great many questions, and to cut a long story short, I ended in her adoption. When I realized that I should really never see my mother again, nothing mattered much to me, and I was willing to go with the old lady, who, as I have told you before, was an English woman named Page. She was unmarried, and did not want me to take her name. I remember very well how she told me that I was to be called 'Knight,' because that was a good name for a boy to live up to. If I were always good and honorable and brave I could earn a right to that name, so that it would really in time be my very own, as no other name could ever be.

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A HITCH IN THE LENORA MINE SALE

LIQUIDATOR SEEKS NEW DEAL FROM CREDITORS

The Amended Proposition Will Probably Be Laid Before Them at Meeting To-morrow.

A hitch has occurred in the negotiations looking to a sale of the Lenora mine, the Crofton smelter and Lloyd's sawmill and timber interests. Another meeting of the unsecured creditors will be held on Saturday and in the event of a compromise, the whole deal is likely to be called off.

The cause of the trouble is a cable from Liquidator Matson, in which he has stated that the proposed agreement which was submitted to the meeting of unsecured creditors the other day. The revised scheme is set out in a cable received by the members of the creditors' committee yesterday, and its terms were so exacting that a cable was almost immediately dispatched to London telling Mr. Matson that the committee would not recommend or approve his amended plan.

The alterations are said to be so serious that they could not be submitted to the creditors with any hope of their being ratified, especially in view of the reluctance shown by many to accept the terms of even the original compact.

The firm and perhaps the most objectionable feature is a marked increase in the allowance for flotation expenses. The amount originally set for this was £21,000, and while the meeting was held to allow such a large amount to be absorbed for such a charge, they consented to it rather than imperil the sale by refusal.

It is now suggested that the allowance for flotation expenses be raised from £21,000 to £30,000. At the same time it is proposed to reduce the working capital from £40,000 to £30,000, presumably to provide the additional sum asked for flotation purposes.

There is also a proposal to make first preference shares carry 8 per cent. interest. It is proposed also to reduce the common stock, which according to the arrangements, was to go to Henry Crofton from £50,000 to £25,000. In compliance with this change the total capital will accordingly be reduced from £300,000 to £275,000.

Mr. Matson is evidently confident that his proposals will meet with the endorsement of creditors, and he announces that a prospectus for the new company will be issued about May 4th, and evidently has made all preparations to proceed with the organization of the company.

What course the unsecured creditors will take, of course, remains to be seen, but it is hoped that all those who can be won over by no means unreasonably in favor of the deal there may be some difficulty in securing assent to the new proposal.

OFFERING REWARD.

The S. P. C. A. Will Take Stern Measures to Protect Dogs.

Appros of the poisoning of dogs, several cases of which are now being investigated in the police court, the S. P. C. A. has handed the following to the Times:

As many valuable dogs have been lately poisoned, this society will use every endeavor to bring the offenders to justice. It is hoped that all those who can give any information as to the actual poisoning, or the laying of poison, will kindly assist the society in this matter.

The committee have decided to offer a reward of £50 for such information as will lead to a conviction. For the information of the public as to the penalties which are now being enforced by poisoning or laying poison, after following quotations are of interest, viz.:

Section 501 of the Criminal Code says: "Whoever is guilty of an offence, and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £100 or more and above the amount of injury done, or to three months' imprisonment with or without hard labor, who wilfully kills, maims, wounds, poisons or injures any dog, bird, beast or other animal" therein mentioned.

The Police Act says: "Section 4, amending act, 1904. "Every person who shall place any poison outside of his own building or outbuilding, or upon any land possessed by him, for the destruction of noxious animals, or for any purpose whatever, shall give notice to all persons or families residing within two miles of the place where such poison is placed, by posting notices in five of the most public places within two miles of where said poison is to be put out, and said notices shall be posted for at least 24 hours before the setting out of any poison, as before mentioned."

John Morley is almost the only public man who has no hobby apart from his work.

BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER INDUSTRY

A. MORRISON URGES MEASURES OF RELIEF

Says Prosperity of Province Depends Largely on This Trade and Stagnation Exists at Present.

Ottawa, May 4.—A. J. Morrison brought up in the House to-day the condition of the lumber trade in British Columbia. He said that the prosperity of British Columbia largely depended upon the lumber trade. At present there was stagnation in that business, and a remedy to bring about a change lay in the hands of the government. He quoted item 611 of the tariff, under which a change could be made without in any way changing the policy of the government. Rough lumber was admitted free of duty into Canada. That class which was admitted free consisted of 75 per cent of log. If British Columbia wanted to send the same class of lumber into the States it was met with a duty of \$2 per thousand. Not only was this the case, but the British Columbia manufacturer had to import his machinery, because it could not be got in Canada, and had to pay duty of it 25 per cent. If British Columbia tried to get a market for its lumber in the States, and the States were met with a 25 per cent rate, which gave that market to the States. It was said that this state of affairs was necessary because the farmers of the Northwest must have cheap lumber. He objected to one part of the country living at the expense of the other. He did so all the more readily because the farmers of the west in a few years made a competency. Increased protection would not increase the price. He read a petition of the lumbermen in Oregon, who were asking that the States to the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, asking in a way if cheap rates could be obtained so as to get rid of their surplus stock. That surplus stock should no longer be sent to Canada. He asked the government to look into the matter and give the needed assistance. He also said that the United States would probably take advantage of a clause in the Dingley tariff which would increase the duty on lumber going to the States to 35 per cent.

Mr. Mackenzie (Quebec) said that the leading lumbermen of Canada, protesting against the imposition of any duty which would only assist to give encouragement to the lumber trade in British Columbia, Northwest and Manitoba. Until that combine existed there were no importations of lumber from the States. He did not wish to see the government increase the price of lumber against farmers. Lumber men could look after themselves.

Walter Scott (Regina) approved of what Mr. Mackenzie said. It was the combine that brought lumber in from the States.

R. G. Macpherson (Vancouver) strongly supported Mr. Morrison's plea. Personally he was progressive as far as the tariff was concerned. Any increase in the price of lumber in Manitoba and the Northwest would increase the price of lumber against farmers. Lumber men could look after themselves.

Mr. Davies (Saskatchewan) opposed any increase and blamed the combine for permitting lumber to come in from the States.

THE GREATEST FAMILY REMEDY.