

There are other reasons for the gradual

Those five Eastern Tory members of parliament appear to have a fairly good idea of how to take advantage of all the opportunities their positions may place in their way. They first

the birds' arrival of these attractive strangers has drawn the attention of all who delight in sport with dog and gun, would it not be an opportunity time to devote a brief space to the consideration of game preservation generally? Grouse shooting has been perilously near what would have been called a failure in British Columbia a very few years ago. The scarcity of birds has been attributed to various causes, all quite plausible. The birds will serve until next year about this time, when it will be found that other explanations must be sought—unless we are candid and frankly confess that which has been apparent for some years, that the only reason why the blue grouse is becoming scarce is that he has been shot off

to a large game preserve. He said that the undertaking was that the general public was to be excluded from hunting on such lands. The feeling has been strongly expressed that such action would be detrimental to the public interest, and the acting surveyor-general was instructed to inform the company that such action as they proposed will be looked upon with great disfavor by the government and legislature. So far as hunting rights are concerned, legislation would undoubtedly be sought to thwart them in such action. It is the view of the government that the wild lands of the province, whether owned by private individuals or by the Crown, should be all in the same position in regard to the hunting and taking of game. While

The radical council of the city of London is making things interesting for the large property holders. There is nothing too good for the laboring masses if it can be purchased with municipal funds. Bayswater Borough has secured a great building and fitted it up with games for the amusement of the general public. Billiards, bagatelle, chess, draughts, etc., are indulged in there whether absolutely free of charge or not we do not know. But it is certain property has to pay the cost. The conditions of life will soon be quite tolerable.

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—The Nanaimo Free Press
"Miss Ethel Hodgson has received her educational diploma from the University of British Columbia." The general's silver medal marks the highest marks in history. Her standing also earned her year's tuition in the M. A. The young lady, who is now aged, is to be congratulated on her high standing. She is securing her studies at a school in Vancouver. It was that in 1901 Miss Hodgson won a scholarship in the first student in British Columbia to take first-class honors in this examination."

—Six months ago no one in these columns of the old established business would have dreamed of two young men, H. L. Swenson and W. J. McConnell. This firm has grown its former premises secured larger and better quarters on Langley building recently purchased from Permanent Loan Co. of Vancouver with a turnover of \$75,000. Mr. Swenson said that they had doubled their rubber

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