"Beatus ille qui procul negotiis Ut prisca gens mortalium Paterna rura bobus exercet suis Solutus omni foe nore."

Which may be freely translated-Happy the man, who like our pion Lets politics go hang and Real Es Content to cultivate with patient si His unencumbered farm,

Wise old Horace, although I s no one in British Columbia reads h days! Indeed, they tell me that cates and politicians who venture Latin, are snubbed for speaking i not understanded of the people. A masters, those wise old Scotchmen. fathers, who first forced their way good land, understood Latin and re preciated Horace and his fellows ar day (craving The People's pardon) help it, if his lines, and Virgil's, have intruding themselves whenever a has once read them wanders into the fruit-growing suburbs of Victoria.

Perhaps this is because the ease nity of our village city are in harn the old Roman's verse, or perhaps round the early homesteads between and Sidney there still lingers son memory of the men who first owned white men's homes; men, I verily be found it better to cultivate and e real estate than to sell it even in bo subdivided, upon easy terms.

Be this as it may, I woke sudde end of the tram line because a viol man was shaking me by the shoulde ing that his company's car did no farther.

I felt that this was a matter for r I feel so still; possibly the principal regret in the district, but the B. men, though the most courteous o pride themselves upon running "on therefore, have no minutes to waste to sleepy old gentlemen whose men more active than their legs.

I had jumped into a car by the ment Buildings, and (I fear) dozed, was for me an ample excuse. The comfortable; it was late in May in and the wind was from the West.

When I woke, the stately building Government, the swaggering C. P. the seats of the money-changers, and pretty people of Government s all been left behind, and I was in orchards, a land drowning in billow blossom, a land where dainty played peepbo from the thickets; th winked at you through the timber clean smell of fresh turned earth in your nostrils. I could not have I than three or four miles out of Vic I was in a new world, a new world

rough edges of it trimmed away. Some years ago, an energetic n hobby was "method" arrived in this and took to fruit-growing.

In those days we grew fruit by of nature. It was a pretty, but no larly profitable pastime. Beauti grass grew in our orchards; tall and flowering things, golden rod and m daisy, cuddled up to the smooth be oung trees; the cows wandered them, and cream grew rich in co sheep grouped themselves prettily bled lazily at the overhanging bo the undivided McTavish estate w the writer for \$13,000 by that sl

E. M. J. In those days the shooting was nice swampy fields where snipe live lard came in to feed were frequen name of Palmer unknown.

After him came a catastrophe for tiful weeds. From Rock Side, as f tre of infection, the new stelle spre day from Rock Side to Sidney, th have multiplied exceedingly; the tre stand with mathematical precision lines, while underneath them, in plodd flowered carpet, is spread a ve face of clean earth, brown in the st purple in the shadows, against nowy blossom almost startles the

rilliance. From time to time you may he he club, growling (which is thei and principal occupation) at the of Victoria's growth, and it is true, sit still and watch any place grow ess seems a long one, but if anyon members the Saanich peninsula, time of Sir Mathew, will wander today, he will admit that even our

The peninsula from Victoria to I suppose, about 20 miles in lengt average breadth of five miles I ar tempting to speak in very round fig is able tead by two excellent road easent in Engay, tried and found g lansious enquiries ablic and sentenced hent House this mi the country. One immediately mendiquire was Sir Wilfru! We have all o

FAILED TO FIVIT Unffer, who has

and fireman of which was he have identifie shot by Construight at Ashe of the three in The dead in up the engine the tender. train robber, that part of posses have r Kamloops aft search.

Vancouver, July the company and many years, sure the V. & S. fo of Andy was th rafter all, our loca s?) has served it ne rough and rea its cars into th gain with a loco

