

ALL SPECIALS FOR
OPEN COMPETITIONNo Local Prizes at the Annual
Bench Show of Victoria
Kennel Club

Every special prize offered for competition at the annual bench show of the Victoria City Kennel club to be held on the last four days of the first week of April will be for open competition and there will not be a single prize hung up for local dogs. This important decision was arrived at last evening at a general meeting of the club held at the Garesche block.

There was a desire among some of the members to have trophies up for competition for Victoria dogs only in addition to the trophies for the other classes but after a lengthy discussion in which it was pointed out that prizes of such strings attached only tended to discourage owners from a distant sending of entries to the show, it was decided by a big majority to let every prize be contested for on its merits. Any prize offered will be open to all dogs in the class named, whether local, provincial, Canadian or foreign.

The effect of the ruling for the bench show of the club will be to attract more and more dogs from fanciers abroad and should result in the coming spring show being the best in the history of the club.

Arrangements for the show were discussed at considerable length last evening, the date being definitely decided upon. The local show will form the commencement of the proposed circuit composed of Victoria, Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle and Portland. An effort will be made to secure the drill hall for the occasion, as it is anticipated that the show will be the largest ever held in the province. A committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Garesche, W. Winsby and W. E. Ditchburn to interview the proper authorities in regard to securing the drill hall, which is really the only suitable building in the city for the purpose.

A letter from the Vancouver Kennel club suggesting co-operation on the part of the clubs in securing suitable judges for the show, provoked a long-drawn-out controversy. The result of the so-called experts from the east and Pacific coast specialty judges for the various classes. The result of the debate was the passage of a resolution favoring the principle of specialty judges, and the committee will follow this in selecting its judges for the show. Vancouver is inclined to the idea of having two experts from the east to work throughout the circuit, but there was strong opposition to this among the members present.

Mr. Florence was appointed to the Bench Show committee in place of Mr. Hanson who has resigned. He has decided to hold a parlor show the second week of January. This will be the only parlor show prior to the big spring show.

A large number of new members were elected, comprising Mr. J. H. Kerson, T. Edwards, E. R. Hill, W. E. Ditchburn, Harry Ellis, H. D. Reid, Chief Langley, George L. Langley, H. S. Stonor, A. Bark, J. Wolfenden, and Walter Millington.

Some of the members improved the opportunity by announcing their intention to donate cups and trophies for competition at the show. Among these were Messrs. McConnell, Florence, Winsby, Hickford, Creighton, Millar, Ditchburn and Langley.

There were about twenty members present with Vice-president J. W. Creighton in the chair.

BANFIELD LIFEBOAT
REACHES SEATTLEAwaiting Arrival of Life-Saver From
This City to Take Over For
the Marine Department

The Banfield creek lifeboat, built in New Jersey by the marine department, for use at Banfield creek life-saving station, at Seattle, having arrived here over the Northern Pacific railway on Saturday last and awaits delivery there to the marine department. It had been arranged that Capt. Gillen, appointed in charge of the boat and the life-saving station at the west coast point, was to proceed to Seattle and take over the boat, which was to be brought to Victoria under its own power, but Capt. Gillen, with the bulk of the crew appointed, was sent to prepare the station at Banfield creek, and left Victoria for that purpose on Saturday last, shortly before the boat reached Seattle. It is not known when the boat will be brought here on its way to Banfield creek, but it is probable that it will arrive before a week has passed.

The boat, a description of which has appeared in these columns, is the latest of the best on this continent. It was reported that an experienced coxswain of the United States life-saving service, was being sent with the boat to teach the crew appointed to the vessel how to handle it.

NEW FISHING COMPANY

Company Organized to Take Over the
Fishing Station, Oil and Cannery
Plant at Skidgate

The Queen Charlotte Islands Fishing and Cold Storage company, Ltd., will shortly be incorporated with a capital of \$500,000 divided into 5,000 shares of \$100 each. The prospectus has already been issued. The company has been organized to take over the fishing station, oil and cannery plant at Skidgate and to conduct a fishing and fertilizing business.

A cold storage warehouse will be built for the preservation of fresh fish awaiting shipment and the fishing schooners will be equipped with refrigerating apparatus, workmen's quarters and an hotel will be erected and operated by the company. A steamer with a capacity of 150 tons will ply between Skidgate, Vancouver and Victoria.

ALKI REACHES SEATTLE

Pacific Coast Company's Freighters
Grounded in Super Straits on
the Way South

The steamer Alki of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, has reached Seattle. Her officers made no explanation why they blew distress signals to the steamer Amur, and ran away when the latter was giving assistance on Monday night near Cape Mudge. The Alki struck Ditchburn reef in Super Straits on the way south, and injured the forefoot. The Alki was in a succession of bad

plows and several times was compelled to lie in a quiet bay for a few hours while the gales subsided. The vessel arrived in Seattle without any serious results from her accident, and it is believed that the damage to the Alki's wooden hull is staunch, and is well braced for the strains of grounding.

The Alki will be laid off the south-eastern run for a time, and steamship Meteor will make the next trip in her place. The Alki will go on dry dock at the Moran Company's yards and an examination will be made of the damage and repairs ordered.

Lumberman's Suicide.
Peterboro, Dec. 11.—Robert Graham, a well known lumberman of Minden, committed suicide. He had been drinking heavily and was despondent. He was 47 years and unmarried.

**ESQUIMALT LICENSES
TO COME UP MONDAY**
Commissioners Will Sit to Consider
Applications for Renewals,
Transfers, Etc.

A meeting of the board of license commissioners of Esquimalt district will be held at the provincial police office next Monday at noon to consider a number of applications for renewals. The undermentioned persons have made application for a renewal of hotel licenses at the places set opposite their respective names:

John Day, Esquimalt hotel, Esquimalt.

Mrs. F. Stewart, Ship hotel, Esquimalt.

Victor Howard, Howard's hotel, Esquimalt (transfer to Joseph Ball).

George Stokes, Ship Inn, Esquimalt road.

Hugh Simpson, Coach and Horses, Esquimalt road.

Alex. Simpson, Halfway house, Esquimalt road.

Mrs. E. Marshall, Gorge hotel, The Gorge.

Mrs. M. Gouge, Four Mile house, Colwood road.

Price Bros., Parson's Bridge hotel, Parson's bridge.

D. Campbell, Colwood hotel, Colwood road.

L. O. Demers, Oak Dell house, Colwood.

Aaron Irving, Goldstream hotel, Goldstream.

Aaron Irving, Bay View hotel, Sooke road.

Mrs. J. Wark, Strathcona hotel, Shawinigan lake.

Jesse J. Jackson, San Juan hotel, Port Renfrew.

The Colonel—Do you believe in dreams?

Little Jones—No. I married one—London Opinion.

DELEGATION MEETS
LOCAL GOVERNMENTUrge That Steps Be Taken to
Provide Tramway for
Point Grey

(From Thursday's Daily.)

A delegation representing the Point Grey Improvement association, met with the members of the local government on Monday evening with regard to the proposed tramway. They strongly urged that steps be taken to establish a tram line through the government lands and to a point beyond the industrial school. The provincial government will consider the matter and their decision will be announced later.

The delegation was composed of Dr. A. Wilson, S. L. Howe and C. M. Woodworth. The members expressed the opinion that a street railway should be in operation by the end of next year.

The provincial government owns 35,000 acres of land on the peninsula west of Vancouver. Its holdings are extensive and the widest commendation. Roadways have been constructed, and the government has provided a valuable asset to Vancouver and which have enhanced the government property. Some of the land has sold for as high as \$4,000 an acre.

The government has had a plan prepared by Mr. Todd, the well known landscape gardener of Montreal which has met with general approval.

Japan's Diplomatic Changes.
Tokyo, Dec. 11.—It is authoritative-ly stated that Baron Ishii will be appointed Vice-Minister of the Foreign Office, to succeed Baron Chinda, who will probably represent Japan in Australia. Baron Uchida goes to Berlin and Tokutomi Suzuki to Rome, where he will succeed Baron Takahira, while Yamazaki, the head of the political bureau of the Foreign Office, will be consulted here at London. The programme of diplomatic changes will not be officially announced until the arrival of Prince Ito.

Trouble in a Church.
Montreal, Dec. 11.—There is an uproar in St. Patrick's parish, the leading Irish-Canadian Roman Catholic parish of the city. Some days ago the resignation of Rev. Father Calaghan, the parish priest, was announced by Archbishop Bruchési. It was at once rumored that the resignation had not been a voluntary one, and this was substantiated tonight, when a meeting was held of the parishioners and some warm talk indulged in. It was charged that the removal was due to the calling of some interested parties, and it was decided to fight the matter out. Some years ago Archbishop Bourget removed a popular priest in the same way, and the result was that the insurgent parishioners took the case to Rome and finally won out. A petition is being circulated praying for the reinstatement of Father Calaghan, and the matter will be carried to Rome, if necessary.

A Conundrum.
Gertrude, aged ten, brought up as she had been almost wholly in the company of her elders (though not always better), was precociously "stumped" by her father's political allusions. The other morning at breakfast a London despatch in the paper started him on the just-passed Deceased Wife's Sister's bill, and for twenty minutes he debated on the merits and demerits of it in all its pros and cons. Then at last came Mistress Gertrude's inevitable query: "Daddy, said she, solemnly, 'why is the deceased wife's sister called 'Bill'?"

TWO POPULAR YOUNG
VICTORIANS ARE WEDMiss Rose Ellen Todd Becomes
Bride of Alexander
Gillespie

(From Thursday's Daily.)

In the church where they were baptized and by the venerable pastor who had held them in his arms as innocent babes, Alexander Gillespie and Rose Ellen Todd were yesterday, in the bloom of youth and beauty, united in the bonds of matrimony.

Before 2 o'clock, the hour fixed for the wedding, the space reserved in the nave of the church was filled with the large party of guests who attended to honor the nuptials of two of the most popular members of the Victoria society. There were present, as well, many spectators, who came to witness the beautiful and interesting ceremony.

Promptly at two o'clock, Mr. Burnett took his seat at the organ and played as a prelude the strains of "Tertiary." In a few moments the groom, who is the son of George Gillespie, of Highway, manager of the Victoria branch of the Bank of Commerce, attended by his brother, Mr. Dugald Gillespie and Mr. Lindsey Cressie, took their places. Simultaneously, the choir came, and His Lordship Bishop Perin and Rev. Percival Janna entered the chancel.

As the bride, who is the daughter of the late J. H. Todd, walked up the arm of her brother, Dr. Todd, walked up the aisle, the choir sang "The Voice That Breathed Over Eden." The bride was attended by Miss Florence Gillespie, sister of the groom, as maid of honor, and her bridesmaid, Miss Miss Violet Pooley and Miss Butchart.

The impressive wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Percival Janna, assisted by His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia. As the bride and groom went up to the altar, the choir sang "Lead us Heavenly Father," and when the ceremony was over and the party adjourned to the vestry, the organ pealed forth the sweet strains of the wedding march from Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream."

When the party left the vestry the bride looked radiantly beautiful. She was gowned in an elegant chiffon velvet and princess train, and wore quantities of rare Brussels lace and seed pearl tassels and ornaments. She wore a beautiful real lace veil draped over the wreath of orange blossoms and carried a lovely bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley, which suited her admirably.

Miss Florence Gillespie's gown was of pale blue chiffon with a hat of Copenhagen blue silk, trimmed with French roses and plumes.

The bridesmaids' gowns were emerald style of soft tulle, trimmed with panne velvet and white lace and insertion. Miss Pooley's was green and Miss Todd's was pink. Their hair ornaments were jeweled and their bouquets were white chrysanthemums, tied with ribbon to match their gowns.

The bride's mother, who was escorted by her son, A. E. Todd, looked handsome in mauve and white, and with a darker shade of velvet and Honiton lace. Her hat was purple velvet with mauve and white plumes. Mrs. Gillespie, mother of the groom, was stately in pale blue brocade with lace and Honiton lace.

She wore a picture hat with black and blue plumes. Her bridesmaid, sister of the bride, was attired in a tulle gown lined with tulle of the same shade and trimmed with brown net, brown and white passementerie and lace. Her hat was white lace; also touches of gold. Her hair was champagne colored and she wore a foxglove plume and velvet marigolds.

Mrs. C. F. Todd's gown was of bronze silk in shades of past blue and tawny with touches of pink velvet and beautiful passementerie and cream lace. She wore a becoming pink velvet hat trimmed with white plumes and roses.

Miss Wigley, cousin of the bride, looked well in pale blue and white with black velvet and dresden ribbon. A pink silk hat with masses of roses completed her costume.

The gift of the groom to the bride was a lovely diamond ring and her only ornaments were a pearl pin and a bracelet, the latter being a present from an uncle of the groom.

The souvenirs from the groom to the attendants of the show he the best of the groom to the bride, being lace pins set with stones to match the color of their gowns.

The ushers were Messrs. Ernest and W. C. Todd, Arthur G. G. Kenneth Gillespie and E. P. Colley.

From the church the wedding party repaired to "Leaside" for a reception. The bride's mother, on St. Charles street.

The reception hall was gay with autumn vines, brilliant berries and yellow gossamer and as the guests arrived the stately mansion soon rang with happy voices and merry laughter.

The spacious drawing room was tastefully decorated with smilax, carnations and roses. The bride and groom stood under a mimic veil of floral bells to receive the congratulations with carnations and roses intermingled with electric lights—the effect being very pretty.

The billiard room, where the many and costly presents were displayed, was decorated with ferns and marigolds.

The bride and groom left on their honeymoon at 5 o'clock amid showers of confetti and rose leaves and tokens of good luck.

The bride's going-away dress was a beautiful brown costume, made long and coat, and skirt braided with braid to match, and hat of pale blue cloth with blue velvet and plume.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie will reside on Stanley avenue.

Among the invited guests were Gov. and Mrs. Dunsmuir, Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Lady Cressie and Mrs. Cressie, Hon. C. Pooley and Mrs. Pooley and Miss Pooley, Rev. Percival Janna, Canon and Mrs. Beaulieu, Rev. Stanley and Mrs. Rooker, Robertson, Miss Marion Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dunsmuir, Mr. and Mrs. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Butchart, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pooley, Dr. and Mrs. Child, and many others.

"Isn't the absurd supposed to be laughable?"

"That's my idea."

"Well, however," says the present stringency is absurd. Now laugh!" Philadelphia Ledger.

She (indignantly)—You had no business to kiss me!

He—But it wasn't business; it was pleasure.—Pick-Me-Up.

SPEND PRUDENTLY
GIVE WISELY
WE MAKE THIS PERFECTLY EASY

Our Xmas Sale keynote is big dry goods' worth for not much money; the things you need in Gift Goods and every one a distinct bargain. If you have a Christmas obligation to discharge to a lady just visit our Motor Scarf and Handkerchief Departments.

MOTOR SCARFS, wool and mercerized cotton, silky as silk, all the latest shades to harmonize with any costume. \$1.25 to.....75c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, fancy hemstitched and embroidered edge, etc. \$2.50 to.....20c

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS in handsome boxes, hemstitched with embroidery initial, 3 in box.....\$1.00

LADIES' LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, genuine hand made. \$9 to.....\$1.25

MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS silk embroidered initial, extra grand value. Each.....50c

MEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched with embroidered initial, in fancy boxes, 3 handkerchiefs in box.....\$1.50

MEN'S FINE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched, half dozen in exceptionally beautiful medalion box, for.....\$3.25

Cravats seem to go well with Xmas. Hundreds of splendid values here to select from. Don't forget our "Glove Certificates."

Simon Leiser, box of ceylon tea, value \$2.—For the highest scoring pen of Rhode Island Reds.

Turner Berton Co., box cigars, value \$5.—For the highest scoring pen of Orpingtons.

L. Goodacre, cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring male Plymouth Rock.

E. R. Stewart, cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring male Wyandotte.

E. A. Morris, pipe, value \$2.50.—For the highest scoring female, Wyandotte.

Shawing Lake Lumber Co., cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring male Rhode Island Red.

British Columbia Railway Company, car tickets, value \$2.—For the highest scoring female Rhode Island Red.

J. Woods, cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring male Leghorn.

G. D. Christie's Shop, Emporium, pair of ladies' slippers, value \$2.50.—For the highest scoring female Leghorn.

Dr. R. Richards, cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring female Copington.

W. J. Wilson, goods, value \$2.50.—For the highest scoring male Minorca.

Finch & Finch, goods, value \$2.50.—For the highest scoring female Minorca.

J. R. Roskamp, one pair Homer for the best turkey pike in the show.

W. J. Pendray, box of soap, value \$5.—For the whitest bird in the show.

R. Porter, cash \$2.50.—For the highest scoring bird in the show.

Victoria Poultry and Pot Stock Association, \$10 cash.—For the largest display of birds, scoring 88 or over, shown by exhibitor residing at least twenty miles from Victoria. Second prize, Victoria Poultry Association, \$5.

Governor's prize—Given by Lieutenant-Governor.

G. D. Christie—Cup.—Given by W. Baylis, G. D. Christie—Cup.

Weller Bros., silver cup.—For the best cock hen, cockerel and pullet, Orpingtons. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

Chandler & Mitchell, silver cup.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Plymouth Rocks. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

S. Y. Wootton, silver cup.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Minorca. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

H. Reid, silver cup.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Wyandotte. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

J. A. Skayward, cash \$5.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Bantams. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

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E. G. Prior & Co., cash \$5.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Games. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

J. A. Skayward, cash \$5.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Bantams. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

Victoria Phoenix Brewery, cash \$5.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, Wyandotte. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

R. P. Ribbitt & Co., cash \$5.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, any other variety. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

A. J. Gray, silver cup.—For the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, any other variety. Second prize, one year's subscription to the B. C. Poultryman.

W. H. Bullock, cash \$5.—For the best display of pigeons. Second prize, F. B. Pemberton, cash \$2.50, for the best display of caged birds.

Brackman & Kent, Milling Co., goods, value \$5.—For the highest scoring pen of Plymouth Rocks.

Scott & Peden, goods, value \$5.—For the highest scoring pen of Wyandottes.

R. Angus, Malthead roofing, value \$5.—For the highest scoring pen of Orpingtons.

Sylvester Bros., egg producer, value \$5.—For the highest scoring pen of Minorca.

TIMBER MEN FORM
CHAMBER OF COMMERCEBranch Association of Parent
Body in Vancouver Was
Formed Last Night

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At a meeting of those interested in the timber industry of British Columbia living in this city, held in the A. O. U. W. building last evening, it was formally decided to form a branch of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce to act in conjunction with the parent body in Vancouver.

E. P. Bremner, president of the Vancouver chamber, was present, with Dr. Clark, the secretary, and M. S. Logan, a member of the board of directors, and briefly laid before those present the objects of the society.

Dr. Clark followed and rehearsed the arguments, pointing out that in the interests of the province and to serve the timber industry, it was necessary to have the limit of time of renewal of a timber lease increased from twenty-one years to a considerably longer period. He instanced numerous advantages which would accrue from the formation of the chamber, and he briefly sketched the propaganda which had already been undertaken by the parent body in Vancouver.

At the conclusion of his address, Mr. Bremner, who presided, made an expression of opinion from those present. Upon the motion of C. A. Gas, it was resolved that the meeting was entirely in favor of the formation of a branch chamber in this city. It was decided, however, after some little discussion, that it would not be advisable to appoint permanent officials until a later and more representative body of timber men could be obtained.

The following temporary executive was appointed: Chairman, H. S. Frimling; Secretary, J. N. McLeod; Committee, D. Stevens, E. J. Cameron, Arthur B. C. A. Gas, A. W. Elliott, A. B. Ellis.

The meeting then adjourned and the executive in session decided to hold the next meeting prior to Wednesday of next week.

PROJECTED BANK FOR
BRITISH COLUMBIACitizens of the Province Form
Board of New Financial
InstitutionBritish Columbia is to have a bank
with the head office in this province
and the interests of which will natu-
rally be associated peculiarly with the
advancement of the industries of the
province.

It is proposed to call the new institution the chartered Bank of British Columbia and the provisional directors are the following:

T. W. Patterson, capitalist, Victoria, B. C.; J. A. Mitchell, capitalist, W. H. Malkin, of Malkin Grocers' Co., Vancouver, B. C.; J. A. Harvey, K. C., solicitor, Cranbrook, B. C.; R. P. McLennan, McLennan, McCreely & Co., wholesale hardware, Vancouver, B. C.; T. Ceperley, Ceperley Rounsefell & Co., brokers, Vancouver, B. C.; F. W. Jones, Esq., lumberman, Victoria B. C.

The promoters say the projected bank should be able to do much for the province in that by its formation with a capitalization of \$2,000,000, a sum has under the laws of Canada the right to issue notes to the full amount of its paid up capital would be set free to the advantage of the industries of the province.

With the natural expansion of business in the Dominion the banking resources of the Dominion have been taxed to their utmost with the result that a number of new banking institutions have arisen in the east. To these western capital and Victoria capital in particular has been subscribed liberally.

The capitalization of the chartered Bank of British Columbia is \$2,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares of \$100 apiece.

Belfast is in an awkward fix. It can get no lord mayor for next year. The old Grimaldi Palace of the Prince of Monaco was greatly damaged by fire.

TOSA MARU FOR JAPAN

Carried Large Cargo and Many Pass-
engers—Shinano Maru and
Shawmut Are Due

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

With a cargo of nearly 5,000 tons of machinery, cotton, flour and general freight for Japanese and Chinese ports the steamer Tosa Maru of the Nippon kaisha line left the outer dock soon after noon yesterday for the Orient.

She had 250 steerage passengers and 12 in the saloon. At this port 146 Chinese and Japanese were embarked.

The steamer Shinano Maru of the Japanese line is due here today. She has a number of passengers, among them three Japanese exports sent by the imperial railway bureau to investigate various phases of the handling of railway business in Europe and America, and F. W. Horne, a prominent Yokohama resident, who some years ago had his residence threatened with destruction by arson because of its quaint architecture. The residence and stable have been built after the manner of a Buddhist temple.

The steamer Shawmut of the Boston Steamship Company is also due from the Orient with a large complement of saloon passengers and 72 steerage.

A Russian who staggered away from Yokohama on board the Tosa Maru, and was detained here by the local police, was the passenger who was reported on the Tosa Maru yesterday.

Telling Time by a Cat's Eyes

It is related by the Abbe Huo, that
one day he and a party of friends set
out to visit a Chinese Christian mis-
sion settlement among the peasantry.
They met a young Chinaman on the
road, and he asked him the time. They
asked him if he could tell them the time.
The native looked up at the sky, but
cloud hid the sun from view and he
could not read any answer there. Sud-
denly he darted away toward a farm
and returned in a few moments with a
cat in his arms. Pushing up his eyelids
with his hand he told us to look at
yet. At the same time volunteering
the information that the sun was high
yet. While they were puzzling over the
matter the boy went about his business.
When the party reached the village they
asked the Christian converts if they
knew the time. The Chinese pointed out
that the pupils of a cat's eyes grew gradually
narrower up to 2 noon, when they became
perceptible lines, drawn perpendicu-
larly across the eyes, and after that dilata-
tion recommenced.

Want After Him.

At the terminal of an up-the-State
railroad one day last week a conduc-
tor was making a verbal report to the
general manager. He was talking of
that he reported was that his train
had struck a bear on the way in.

"No," replied the conductor. The
train had to go in the woods after
him. Philadelphia Ledger.

The Shiftly Neutral.

The wife of the American minister
at The Hague recently asked Mr. Nel-
son, the Russian president of the
peace conference, to write something
in her album.

His sentiment was touched with
feeling.

"It is easier," he wrote, "to make
peace with one enemy than forty-
seven neutrals."

Disproved

After taking part in a football match
a number of small boys, whose de-
pendent looks spoke eloquently of
want, left the field and silently trudged
homewards.

On the road they were met by a
young enthusiast who had not been
to attend the match.

"Well, Bill," he called out to one of
the melancholy group. "Wot are ye
down in for? Ye're never lost, surely?"

"We ave," growled Bill.
"Ow did ye manage that?"

"Well, wot o' that? 'E ain't no
great shakes, ain't 'Bob.' 'E's the
best referee round 'ere, an' don't you
forget it!"

New Luminous Shells which will act
as searchlights are being experimented
with in the French navy.

SIR WILFRID'S METHOD

Sir Wilfrid's anti-cigarette policy is
to spank the boys who use them. And
there might be a worse. In these days
parents are growing too ready to
shoulder off on the State their own
natural duties. State education is jus-
tified because it is a convenient, cheap
and effective way of doing what is
the duty of every parent, and what is,
moreover, a necessity of good citizen-
ship. The State cannot take the risk
that parents will neglect the duty of
educating their children. But it is
none the less the fact that the state,
in providing schools, is undertaking a
task which the parents would other-
wise have to assume. But it is possi-
ble to push this practice of State in-
tervention too far. The parents
should still consider themselves in
duty bound to rear their own children,
and to guard themselves against bad
habits and demoralizing vices. The
spectacle of a cigarette in the mouth
of a boy is about as disgusting as
a sight as a sensible man would wish
to see. But the parent should be in
preventive officer than the police-
man. Spank the boy and spare
the law from making a fool of itself.—
Montreal Star.



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