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EN'S SOX—Men's selected black ribbed worsted sox. Per pair .....35¢

EN'S SOX—Men's superfine, black llama cashmere sox, a fine soft quality. Per pair .....50¢

OYS' SWEATERS—Boys' imported wool sweaters, in new shades of green, brown, blue, red and white, all sizes. Prices according to size and quality, from $1.90 to .....90¢

EN'S SHIRTS—Men's imported heavy grey union flannel shirts, special quality, full size and well made collar, buttoned down front and back $1.50

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TUBS, with wringer attachs. Three sizes. Friday Bar-
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TEEL WATER PAILS, with te and blue decorations. Two c and .....65¢

assorted colors. Friday Bar-
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The Gorilla Hunters.
Plutarch's Lives.
Settlers in Canada.
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UNPRECEDENTED RAINS WORK HEAVY DAMAGE ON ISLAND AND MAINLAND

FLOOD CONDITIONS ON THE LOWER ISLAND ARE WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN ANY RECENT YEARS

Traffic on Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Suspended Until Further Notice—Gorge Road is Closed—Sewers and Cellars Blocked—CITY WATER SUPPLY SUFFICIENT FOR TWO YEARS

Torrential rains during the past sixty hours or more have produced flood conditions without precedent on Vancouver Island, in consequence of which all trains on the Esquimalt & Nanaimo division of the C. P. R. are cancelled until further notice, it being feared that not a wheel will turn on the Island railway for several days at best. The up train for Nanaimo which left here at 9 o'clock yesterday, is stalled somewhere near Ladysmith, while downbound passengers walked from Colwood to Victoria, a drenched, disconsolate, disheartened company a dozen strong, ladies having been left at the Colwood hotel, whence they were subsequently brought by motor cars and carriages.

In Victoria the precipitation is believed to have broken all records, the gauge in the water commissioner's office showing the Elk lake rise to have been 12 1-2 inches from midnight Saturday until 9 this morning, the nearest remembered approach having been in November of 1896, when six inches downfall was recorded in two days. Elk and Beaver lakes, which are the source of Victoria's water supply, had still 68 inches to go from 9 o'clock this morning to reach the original high water mark, while the recent building up gives 3 feet 6 inches added margin.

In Victoria the fire engines have been requisitioned to deal with flooded cellars and basements, and later with water-covered areas in the lower residential districts. One engine has been busy since yesterday at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, pumping out the basement, and this morning was ordered to the Stemler & Earle spice mills on Pembroke street, where water threatens serious damage.

The filled-in ravine at what was formerly the first bridge on the Gorge road was the scene of a wash-out yesterday which left the water main hanging unsupported, as a result of which it soon gave way, augmenting the flood conditions. It will require some days to complete imperative repairs, and until these can be made, the road is closed to traffic, for how long cannot be prophesied.

From every part of the city reports rained down upon City Engineer Topp this morning, of flooded streets and sewers out of commission, owing to the gratings being blocked and the water so high on the majority that it is difficult at present to clear them. On Kingsley road in particular the big main drain is so blocked that the city engineer has ordered the removal of the manhole covers, under observation, to relieve the situation.

Sixty or more requests for immediate help were received in this department before noon today, and difficulty is experienced in securing a sufficient number of men to deal with the emergency demands. According to Mr. Topp, more rain has fallen in Victoria since Saturday night last than in any entire month of 1908.

Water Commissioner Raymur finds cause for rejoicing in the very conditions which drive Engineer Topp almost to distraction. The present rains he looks upon as a blessing, since they assure an abundant supply of water in the lakes for two years' use at average consumption. Pumping at the filter beds is no longer necessary and was stopped this morning.

The most serious feature of the flood as it affects Victoria presents itself in connection with the disorganization of railway service between here and Wellington. Owing to the interruption of telegraphic service from the same moving causes, details of the extent and location of roadbed damage are unavailable, although at least fourteen washouts of more or less importance are reported, the longest being at Kokisiah and in the neighborhood of Ladysmith, one break being of 300 feet. Work trains are out on day and night commission in charge of Assistant Superintendent Goodfellow, and on the door of the Store street station appears a notice as hereunder:

ALL TRAINS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

As it will be impossible to restore through train connection for some days arrangements will be made for daily steamer service, the City of Nanaimo being already besieged with applications for passage on her departure for Ladysmith, Nanaimo and up Island points tomorrow morning. It is expected that the Charmer will go on this run for the time being on Wednesday. Passenger trains may be got through by transferring within a few days, but no freights are likely to go through for a week or more. Returning hunters, who arrived by walking the muddy road from Shawnigan this morning declared the Niagara Canyon trestle "gave out." Superintendent Beasley says he has no reason to believe it has been seriously damaged, but there has as yet been no chance to estimate the total extent of the injury along the line.

All points reached by the Dominion wireless on the Western and Northern Island coasts report correspondingly heavy rains in their respective districts while the tides are higher than in some time past, the steps by the James Bay causeway even being submerged.

Not Equalled in Twenty-Eight Years

Since weather records have been kept in this city, never has such a downpour been known in the month of November. Between noon of last Saturday and 5 a. m. today there has been 3.34 inches of rain, bringing the total for the month up to the time indicated to 10.40 inches. The nearest approach to this in recent years was in 1901, when the November rains totalled 6.44 inches.

It was in 1881—twenty-eight years ago—that a meterological station was established here. Until 1889 it was maintained. In 1899 it was removed to Esquimalt, and remained there until 1897. At the end of the latter twelve-month it was brought back to Victoria, from which point observations have been taken regularly ever since. In this entire period there was only one instance when November's rains anywhere near approached the present experience, and that was in 1896, when the records were made at Esquimalt, so that a comparison is not exactly fair. Then there was 10.42 inches. However, it must be remembered that this was for the whole month. To exceed that figure two more inches of rain are necessary, and, if the heavens continue as busy as at the time of writing, there is no doubt that a record will be established.

There is a scientific reason for the condition, and it was explained to the Evening Post by an official of the Meterological Station this morning. For weeks a severe storm has been brooding over the North Pacific. It has been exceedingly cold throughout the northern sections of the province. The theory is that the cold air drifting south from that zone has caused the excessive precipitation that has been experienced on the lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, with, in many instances, disastrous results.

Houses Cut Off from Surroundings

Four large houses built on wooden foundations, situated on lots two feet below the street level, View street, have been flooded to their doors, and if the storm keeps on the row boat communication will be necessary. The yards are completely covered with a lake of water over 20 inches in depth, while board bridges have been suspended from the sidewalk to the front doors. In some cases the woodsheds have been cut off from communication, and row boats will be necessary to bring the daily supply of fuel from the woodshed to the kitchen. If the rain does not abate shortly, the floating of the entire house will be threatened. The sidewalks running from the front gates to the front and back doors are now floating about on the surface of the water, while some were used in the construction of bridges.

Building construction on the many buildings throughout the city has been suspended completely, while excavations are now impossible for several weeks until a proper pumping arrangement can be made to drain the holes. This means the delay of many of Victoria's new buildings, and it is probable that in several instances work will have to be suspended until Spring.

The big ditches which were built on May street for the new water mains have been flooded to the surface of the earth, and the whole district is a hollow is flooded with one big sea of water. Many of the new houses are completely isolated, while other houses are standing with basements full of water. This district is one of the worst places in the city at the present stage of the flood.

Reports are coming in from all parts of the city of unique features of the floods. Out Speed avenue way one residence is reported surrounded by water to a depth of four feet, while not far away a waterfall has formed with a height of five feet and width of more than ten. Sidewalks submerged, fences stretching across wastes of muddy water like primitive fishing traps, rafting under difficulties as a necessity of egress and ingress, such are a few of the features of life in Victoria today in the flats that during the past year or two have blossomed and borne a harvest of cottage homes. Considerable damage is reported to reinforced land in the vicinity of Ross Bay cemetery.

CANADA AND HER PEOPLE WONDERFUL

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Percy Fitzpatrick interviewed prior to his departure for South Africa said: "Canada is not only a wonderful country, but she has a wonderful population full of energy, courage and hope. In Canada men force the pace with perfect confidence in the country itself and perfect confidence that their neighbor will also "play up" so that there is a go-ahead community all working together. No body sits down content to wait for a year or so in order to see whether his neighbor is going to make a fortune."

Liberal Elected in Birtle.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 29.—Bye-elections held yesterday in Birtle for the Provincial legislature resulted in the return of C. H. Malcolm, Liberal, by 180 majority. The election was necessitated by the appointment of Hon. C. J. Mickle, the former member, to a judgeship. Mr. Mickle represented the constituency for twenty-three years and was at one time provincial secretary, in the Greenway government and leader of the opposition forces at the time of his retirement.

WOULD HURT THEM MORE THAN THE CANADIANS

Officials of United States Administration Point Out Some Very Desirable Features of Trade Peace With Canada

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 29.—Commercial warfare between the United States and Canada according to officials of the administration would be more harmful in its influence upon American trade than it would on that of the Dominion. They produce figures that appear to support their contention. The talk of commercial strife between the United States and its northern neighbor began with the passage of the Aldrich-Payne tariff act in August last.

That law contains a section authorizing the president to impose maximum rates of duty on the products of any country that unduly discriminates "either in the way of tariff rates or provisions, trade or other regulations, charges, etc," against products of the United States.

When the ministry at Ottawa examined the tariff law it came to the conclusion that the American congress had Canada in mind when it adopted the maximum and minimum principle. For Canada, despite the fact that it is one of the biggest purchasers of American goods, does discriminate against the United States and does impose "restrictions" which would warrant the president under the law in denying Canadian goods entering this country, the benefit of the minimum rates of duty. If information just received here is correct President Taft intends to see to it that no cause shall be given Canada to pass laws injurious to American commerce. He is said to take the position that the executive is vested with large discretion in administering the maximum and minimum provision of the new tariff, and this discretion, it is learned, will be exercised to the end that the injured feelings of Canadian statesmen may be assuaged and commercial warfare between the two countries be averted.

What is known as the maximum and minimum section of the tariff law will become operative on March 31. The provisions of the dutiable list and the free list constitute the minimum tariff. The maximum tariff includes the duties prescribed in the schedules with the addition of 25 per cent ad valorem, and a duty of 25 per cent ad valorem on products that, under the minimum tariff, are admitted free. The maximum rates will go into effect automatically on the date named unless the president shall be satisfied in view of the character of the concessions granted by the minimum tariff of the United States, that the government of any foreign country imposes no terms and restrictions, either in the way of tariff rates, or provisions of trade or other regulations, charges, exactions or in any other manner, directly or indirectly, upon the importation into or the sale in such foreign countries of American goods.

WHY APPELLATE COURT IS DELAYED

Hitch Between Minister Aylesworth and British Columbia Liberals Rumored Cause of Hitch.

Incidental to the delayed appointment of judges for the Appellate Court, it is rumored that the hitch lies in friction between Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, the Minister of Justice, and British Columbia Liberals with respect to the personnel. The minister desires to name Mr. E. P. Davis, K. C., as Chief Justice, since Mr. Davis declines to take an inferior position on the bench; the Liberals insist upon the Chief Justiceship going as promised to Mr. J. A. Macdonald, K. C. The judgeships will then be filled by promotion of Hon. Justices Martin and Clements. For the third vacant Appellate Court judgeship and the vacancies to be in the Supreme Court, the names of Col. F. B. Gregory, J. H. Senkler, Denis Murphy and W. H. Galliher are mentioned, Col. Gregory and J. H. Senkler having, it is said, received absolute assurance of appointment. A new aspirant for place is said to be now pressing his claims assiduously in the person of Mr. Frank Higgins, of this city, who can point to the fact, as can no other claimant, that as a party worker he has "delivered the goods." His work in Alberni on two separate occasions gives him a status that there will be some difficulty in undermining.

NICARAGUAN RUMORS

Report of Landing of American Bluejackets at Greytown Discredited at Washington

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A rumor gained currency here Saturday night that American Bluejackets from the cruiser Des Moines had been landed at Greytown, Nicaragua. The report could not be confirmed. Naval officials here disclaim knowledge of the reported landing, and declared that if such were the case the navy department would have been promptly notified. Rear-Admiral Pott, chief of the bureau of navigation, said Saturday that the Des Moines is not now at Greytown, and that so far as the navy department knew, the vessel was at Port Limon, Costa Rica.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 29.—There is absolutely no truth in the report circulated in the United States today and cabled here for confirmation, that Mr. Calders, the American viceconsul at Managua, has been imprisoned by President Zelaya.

The Gorge Road at Point Where Main Broke, Causing Wash-Out

DAM WASHED AWAY AT VANCOUVER TODAY

Capilano Dam in Good Shape But No Control of Water—Great Northern Railway is Badly Blocked

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 29.—Rains are continuing this morning in a storm unprecedented here. Four and a half inches fell on Saturday and Saturday night, this morning the coming heavier than ever. Reports of damage are coming from all directions.

The Great Northern is so badly blocked that a wrecking train cannot be brought up from Everett and three bodies still remain in the Great Northern wreck near New Westminster.

A scow capsized in the harbor this morning and the watchman, name unknown, is reported drowned.

The North Vancouver water works dam on Lynn creek was carried away this morning.

The city's Capilano dam is still in good shape, but the water is coming down in such floods that it is impossible to control its entry into the pipes.

ECHOES OF THE VICTORY

Official Statement of the Victoria Poll —Congratulations Continue to Come From Near and Far.

The official statement of the poll in Victoria City has been completed by Returning Officer C. S. Baxter, and delivered to the Provincial Secretary's office. It is as follows:

McBride	2856
Davey	2503
Behnsen	2497
Thomson	2465
Morley	2218
Oliver, John	2216
Drury	2031
Houston	1875
Oliver	659

The total number of votes cast was 5411. There were 54 rejected ballots and 43 spoiled ballots. There were five tendered ballots.

The official returns for the plebiscite were as follows:—

For	2372
Against	1776
Rejected	62
Spoiled	4

Among the harvest of belated congratulatory telegrams received by the premier are these:

Westville, N. S., Nov. 29.
Hon. Richard McBride,
Victoria:
Westville Conservatives, Pictou county congratulate you on your victory.
M. MUIR.

Montreal, Nov. 29.
Hon. Richard McBride,
Victoria:
Congratulations; let that wave come east.
CLUB LA FONTAINE.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 29.
Hon. Richard McBride,
Victoria:
Hearty congratulations on your triumphant victory.
J. D. HAZEN.

Toronto, Nov. 29.
Hon. Richard McBride,
Victoria:
Conservative Association Ward VI., Toronto, extends hearty congratulations upon your splendid victory.
R. B. ORR.

Vancouver, Nov. 29.
Hon. Richard McBride,
Victoria:
On behalf of the Vancouver Conservative Club I desire to tender most hearty congratulations not only on your victory, but on the manly, statesmanlike and progressive policy which produced the result.
OSBORNE PLUNKETT,
President V. C. C.

Secretary Ballinger has called a Western American politician a liar. However, a few odd hundred miles separated them!

PRESIDENT ZELAYA'S SUCCESSOR IS NAMED

Rumored L. F. Corea, Former Nicaraguan Minister to the United States Will Be Next Executive of Republic

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 29.—It is rumored here that L. F. Corea, former Nicaraguan minister to the United States, is to succeed Zelaya as president of Nicaragua, and that his candidacy will meet with the favor of the United States government. While definite knowledge as to his plans are lacking, it is believed that he left here last night for Washington.

SOUTH WELLINGTON RAILROAD DAMAGED

Half Mile of Tracks Washed Out—All Roads Impassible Owing to Broken Bridges.

NANAIMO, B.C., Nov. 29.—The rainfall here for Saturday and Sunday almost reached 4½ inches, and establishes a new record. As a result washouts are reported from all around, and all traffic on the E. & N. Railway is suspended. The railroad from South Wellington mine to Boat Harbor is washed away over half a mile at a stretch, and all roads are impassable owing to the bridges having been carried away.

NEW SCHOOL TESTED AND IS NOT WANTING

George Jay Building, Chambers Street, Absolutely Sound and Safe—Last Week's Trial.

The new George Jay school on Chambers street is thoroughly sound and trustworthy as far as strength is concerned. This has been proven as a result of a test which took place last week, the trustees having determined, since the Lampson street school episode, that the building should not be occupied until there could be no question of its safety.

To make the test, one of the class rooms on the second storey was selected. Tile brick to the number of hundreds, and weighing in all 72,420 lbs., or a fraction over 36 tons, were piled on the floor towards the centre of the room. This weight has been lying there for a week, and exact measurements show that the floor has not deflected the thirty-second part of an inch. The pressure amounts to 168 lbs. per square foot. From the system of construction, the Kahn reinforced system, the pressure from the weight on the floor also bears upon the walls, which remained without the slightest deflection. This test is considered by the contractors to prove beyond all manner of doubt that the Kahn system now so much in vogue in other cities, is best for public buildings, such as schools.

Trustees George Jay, Riddell, and McIntosh viewed the progress of work on the school, and expressed themselves pleased with the work. The new building will not, it is expected, be fully ready for occupancy until next February. The solid portion is about completed, and work on the finishing will commence in a short time. The boilers and ventilating system are on the ground, and will be installed immediately. Parfitt Bros., the contractors, state the new building will be the finest and most substantial of any of the city schools, and will be absolutely fire proof.

Triple Murder.

FRONTENAC, Kas., Nov. 29.—A lonely road a mile north of here was the scene of a triple murder and an assault on a woman sometime Saturday night. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Bork, Germans, of Frontenac, and their son, two and a half years old.

The attack on Mrs Bork is the supposed motive of the crime. Bork presumably was killed while trying to defend his wife.

WADE FOR GOVERNOR WOULD BE A MISTAKE

Conservatives in the Congress Show How His Aggressive Partizanship Unfits Him For the High Office

During Saturday's short sitting of the House of Commons at Ottawa, the Conservative Opposition took occasion to "rub in" gently but firmly the meaning of the party sweep in British Columbia, references to which were received with repeated cheering. The topic was introduced by Mr. J. D. Taylor, member for New Westminster, who, incidental to asking a question already on the order paper, charged the government with awarding Liberal campaigners in this western province high offices as the prize of running away partizanship. Mr. Taylor prefaced his remarks by referring to his question as to whether any member of the government had received a resolution in which the Liberal Association of British Columbia recommended the appointment of F. C. Wade, K. C., of Vancouver, to the lieutenant-governorship, and whether such an appointment comes properly within the jurisdiction of the patronage committee. To this the premier had replied that any such resolution or recommendation, if received by any minister would be considered a private matter, and further he did not know what was meant by the term "Patronage Committee."

Mr. Taylor wanted to know what consideration had been extended to the recommendation of Mr. Wade? Mr. Taylor then drew a picture of the gentleman with the position of lieutenant-governor in his pocket stumping the province and making the most serious charges against the government with which he was so soon to be intimately connected. Mr. Taylor insisted that the House was entitled to an assurance from the premier that a man "who had so stultified himself" as Mr. Wade had done, should not be eligible for the appointment and that public office was not to be given as a reward for participation in political campaigns.

The question of the appellate court of British Columbia, to which no judges have yet been appointed by the minister of justice, was then referred to. Mr. Taylor openly accused the government of holding back these appointments until the Liberal gladiators who were applicants for the judgeships in the new court, had returned from the political tourney in his own riding of New Westminster. Mr. Taylor said a man who was now languishing in prison, although he had appealed and that appeal was granted, there was no court to which he could appeal for redress.

In reply, the premier admitted that at an early date a new lieutenant-governor for British Columbia must be appointed, as the present occupant of that province had signified his intention of retiring. When that time came it would be the duty of the government to make a choice in the best public interest, and if the selection was not satisfactory to the House, then the government would be open to criticism. The premier contended that any one had a right to make a suggestion or recommendation for the position, but the government was responsible for any action it might take.

Mr. Martin, Burrill pointed out whether any party was in power or not, good government was impossible if party workers and favorites were rewarded for their efforts by public appointments.

Then Mr. Borden took a hand in the debate and remarked that in recommending Mr. Wade as was alleged, the patronage of the Liberal party of that province was really doing what such committees all over the country did right along. He asked how it would be possible to carry on the government of this country seriously and definitely if a man who took an active part in an election campaign and brought the most serious charges against a provincial administration was doing so on the promise or understanding that he would receive high office. As to the unfortunate man who was languishing in prison in New Westminster because of Mr. Aylesworth's inaction, Mr. Borden termed it "an intolerable disgrace."

Hon. Mr. Fielding then took a hand in the talk, and said that the man who took part in political campaigns was deserving of reward. Political activity was a right of citizenship and should not bar a man from office.

U. S. WAR VESSELS

VALLEJO, Cal., Nov. 29.—Orders were received at Mare Island navy yard Saturday, sending several of the warships now on this coast to the Asiatic station, where they will be attached to the third squadron of the Pacific fleet.

The cruiser New Orleans, under command of Commander Rodger Wells, will sail for Yokohama via Honolulu and Guam at the earliest practicable date. She is now at Mare Island taking on coal and stores.

The cruiser Albany, which has been engaged in target practice at Magdalena Bay, has been ordered to Mare Island for repairs. She will also proceed to the Asiatic station.

The cruisers Denver and Galveston, now of the third squadron, are under orders to leave the far east for this coast. The cruisers Chattanooga and Cleveland, which will be relieved by the Albany and New Orleans, will not leave the Asiatic station until next spring.

TWENTY KILLED IN WRECK NEAR VANCOUVER

Japanese Work Train on G. N. Railroad Jumps Into Washed Out Culvert—Just Preceded Night Express

VANCOUVER, Nov. 29.—Twenty Japanese were killed and fifteen injured so badly that several will die in the wreck of a work train on the Great Northern railway between Vancouver and New Westminster, early yesterday. The train left Vancouver at 6 o'clock on its way to Sumas. At 6.30, when within a mile of the city limits of New Westminster, the train ran into a washed-out culvert.

The engine passed nearly over, then sagged back and Fireman Kent and Engineer Beattigen jumped, escaping injury.

Immediately behind the tender was a Japanese bunk car in which 35 men lay, most of them still asleep.

The engine settled back until it stood almost on end and the Japanese car was caught and smashed between the engine and the tender. It was cut squarely in halves. One half was crushed to kindling wood and the remainder smashed in on the sides and ends and slid further into the gully.

The flat cars were piled on top of each other, while the caboose at the rear remained on the tracks. In it was Conductor Ellis, who escaped injury. Riding on either the engine or with the Japanese was another white man, Geo. W. Kemp, a commercial traveller, representative of W. H. Malkin & Co., of Vancouver. His feet were crushed and he has internal injuries. He lies unconscious at the Vancouver general hospital. How he happened to be on this train is a mystery to railway officials.

That it was a Japanese work train, and not the crowded Owl passenger train from Seattle that met disaster is simply a piece of luck for the passengers of the night express.

POST-MARKS

Don't forget to sprinkle the lawn.

Nothing like the flood of Thursday last!

Wull ye nae hae a wet wi' us?
Heavy sea on the Causeway today!

Hold hard, everybody; this weather is merely an overflow from Vancouver!

Well, there's some chance now for the proper washing of our streets.

"Wade" is an appropriate name this weather for any man living in Vancouver.

The reservoir on Smith's Hill is becoming quite damp.

Good fishing will probably be found on Gorge Road when the water recedes to a normal level.

A Missouri Chap made a wager that he could eat twelve pumpkin pies at a sitting. He won. The natural assumption is that he is a Hired Man.

A Confrere says that a man fell while carrying a tie and broke his collarbone. Sounds like an ad. for the sale of Damaged Neckware.

United By Misfortune.

No tail has the cat from the Island of Man,
When a kitten, he never can grab it,
Just think of the sympathy he will evince
For his brother, the tailless Welsh rabbit.

Toronto News.

New Bride—Family portraits on bamboo easels, and ferns in jardinieres seriously interfere with the enjoyment of roller skating in the parlor.

New Friends.

That Christmastide is near at hand,
Strong evidence I find,
For all the girls I know have grown
Of late exceeding kind.

T. E. M.

You cannot be really certain as to the age of a turkey by examining its teeth.

The Reason.

Lord Kitchener is on the way
From beautiful Japan,
To Canada, where he will find
A great and famous man.
'Tis Sydney Fisher he would see,
An expert Judge of Cavalree.

Toronto News.

"Pay your debts," says Elbert Hubbard, the light of Aurora. By "debts" Elbert means anything you happen to owe the butcher, the baker, humanity in general, or for any Roycroft books that may have been sent you unsolicited.

Whining.

Now that he's whipped, the Yellow Cur
Doth show his hurt in vicious yelp;
And all his kin, in "letters" writ,
Do emulate the little whelp!