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PRaises THE BILL.

Professor E. H. Fernow, the prom-
inent authority on forestry, writing
in the last issue of the "Forestry
Quarterly" on the "Timber Royalty
Bill," says that with its enactment
the Province of British Columbia
takes the lead in modern and efficient
timber land administration.

Professor Fernow said: "A very
important and very sane readjust-
ment of royalties for timber licenses
has been embodied in the bill by the
British Columbia Minister of Lands,
the Hon. William R. Ross. The Min-
ister of Lands, who was responsible
for the establishment two years ago
of an efficient Forest Service, has
boldly taken hold of the situation
and solved the problem of equitable
dealing in a most practical manner.

"It gives stability to the lumber
business for forty years without fear
of disturbances, and, while we miss
provisions for improved forestry
practice, at least the financial side of
the Government interest is better
taken care of, and changes to intro-
duce forestry methods are foreshad-
owed.

"With this legislation British Col-
umbia takes the lead in modern and
efficient timber land administration,
which, by passing into the hands of
a Forest Service promises a final
forest management for the future."

AN APOLOGY.

In the writeup of the concert given
in last week's issue we failed to give
due credit to one gentleman, who,
perhaps, in his quiet way did as
much, if not more, than several oth-
ers that received mention towards
making the concert the success it
was, and without his talent the pro-
gramme might not have been quite
so pleasing. We refer to Mr. James
Sloan, who played the accompani-
ment for Mr. Cochran, Mr. Robt.
Sloan and also the singers who took
part in the musical turn, besides two
or three short overtures. Our sincere
apologies are extended to Mr. Sloan
and we wish to assure him that the
omission was entirely an oversight
on our part.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Girls of the Basketball Club
take this opportunity of thanking all
those who in any way contributed to
the great success of the entertain-
ment given recently.

First of all we would extend our
sincere thanks to the committee in
charge, namely Mr. Tester, Mr. Sloan
Mr. Whiting and Mr. Moore, who
were so kind as to devote so much
time and attention to the interest of
the Reading Room.

Secondly to the North Saanich
Orchestra which added so much to
the evening's entertainment, and to
any and all who took part on the
programme; also to the Sidney Fur-
niture Company and the Merchants
Bank for the use of their furniture
for stage fittings.

As regards the proceeds we might
say they were most gratifying and
after the expenses are paid will add
very materially to the maintenance
of the Public Reading Room.

The Editor on the Street.

We heard a good story the other
day and one that might have inter-
ested the police had it not been for
the high sense of humor of one of the
parties concerned. Now there once
lived near Sidney two men who were
fond of domestic fowls and they each
kept a flock of turkeys. One of these
men, being wise in the distribution of

the right kind of feed, and plenty of
it, had very large fat turkeys strutt-
ing around his barnyard. The other
man was perhaps foolish in this re-
spect and either did not feed enough
or did not "savvy" the other essen-
tials. His birds were thin and weak-
ly and were not laying as they should.
One dark night, therefore, he con-
ceived the idea of changing turkeys
with his more fortunate neighbor,
which he did quietly and without
much noise, being not detected in the
act. But say, how that farmer did
laugh the next morning when he saw
the joke that had been played on
him. Of course he knew at once
where those turkeys had come from
and where to find his own. So after
breakfast he went over and had a
quiet talk with the man of the lean
turkeys with the result that both
flocks were returned to their original
roosts.

We wonder what kind of a yarn
Lester Patrick and his bunch of puck
chasers will hand out when they ar-
rive back from their trip east after
the Stanley Cup. It will be interest-
ing reading. For the past two or
three years we have heard a good
deal of talk about the Patrick Bros.
robbing the eastern leagues of all the
best players by offering them big sal-
aries to come west. After taking a
long steady look at the result of the
three games played for this world
famed trophy, we cannot help coming
to the conclusion that the great west-
ern owners are, and we put it mild-
ly—a sort of easy mark. They evi-
dently did not get all the good play-
ers, either that or they develop the
speedy players faster down east than
the Patrick Bros. can afford to buy
them up. It would not have looked
so bad if they had even won one
game, but to come back with three
straight, decisive lickings, is rather
hard indeed. Never mind Lester, we
will have to break into the game our-
selves so that we can help you out
next year.

On Saturday afternoon about two
o'clock we locked the door of our
sanctum sanctorium and stood de-
bating in our own mind whether to
go fishing or find some other means
of recreation, when our attention was
suddenly directed towards the Sidney
hotel where there seemed to be quite
a commotion going on around a man
with a camera. We took a stroll
over and to our amazement found
out that the artist was endeavoring
to take a picture of a bunch of hand-
some looking athletes when they sud-
denly discovered that there were
thirteen in the group. We were not
aware that athletes were given to
superstition, but there they were as
panicky as a bunch of women, and to
help matters out we were compelled
to take a seat and look as much like
an athlete as possible. Verily the
temptations of an editor are many.

We took a walk on Sunday last
down the railway track past the
shingle mill of the Converse-Brown
Company. Now this progressive
firm may be able to saw shingles and
sell cedar knots under the guise of
stove wood, but we were not aware
of the fact that they had a printing
office established in their plant, as a
large sign prominently displayed on
one of the buildings would indicate.
We know now where all our trade is
going.

Ever since the trap has been in op-
eration on the grounds of the Sidney
Gun Club we have heard stories of
the elusiveness of the little clay
pigeons as they are called. While we
were in attendance at the football
match Saturday afternoon the guns
began to pop, and being of an inquisi-
tive turn of mind we decided to take
a walk up and see what was going
on. On the firing line were some of
the best shots of the district, includ-
ing Jack Roberts, Fletcher North,
Leonard North and several others
who have made reputations for them-
selves. They were not doing so bad
either and were breaking all the way
from fifty to eighty-five per cent. of
the birds sent up. After the round
was finished the usual courtesies of
such gatherings were extended to
us, as editor, and we were asked to
take a hand in the game. One gen-
tleman volunteered the loan of his
gun and several others supplied the
cartridges, for which we were duly
thankful, having just begun to feel
the effects, as most editors do, of
the financial stringency. So we took
our place on the firing line for the
first time. There is no use in de-
scribing that wonderful performance
as that has been told and retold
many times since of how we succeed-
ed in chalking up a record of one
hundred per cent. After a few cas-
ual remarks on how very easy it was
to hit the little pigeons and on the
splendid working of the trap, we
thanked the gentlemen for their kind-
ness and strolled off down town in
company with Constable McDonald.

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President Wilson personally appeal-
ed to Congress, assembled in joint
session on March 5th, to sustain the
national honor of the United States
in upholding treaty obligations by re-
pealing the Panama tolls exemption
against which Great Britain protests.
He asked congress to do that 'in sup-
port of the foreign policy of the Ad-
ministration,' and added that an ex-
emption for American ships not only
was 'a mistaken economic policy,
but was in contravention of the Hay-
Pauncefote treaty.

The eleven captains and men of the
ships which helped in the rescue of
the passengers and crew of the liner
Volturno when it was burned in mid-
ocean last October, have been award-
ed silver medals by King George,
while the British Board of Trade has
given pieces of plate to the captains,
medals and three pounds each to the
officers and medals to each of the
men.

Advices received from Dawson are
that the Royal North West Mounted
Police patrol, which left Dawson for
Fort McPherson, at the mouth of the
Mackenzie River, early in January,
returned recently to Dawson, having
made the four hundred mile trip over
the snow in seventeen and a half
days, the fastest time on record.
Corporal Hacking, who commanded
the patrol on the return trip, report-
ed that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the
Arctic explorer, left Fort MacPherson
for the Arctic coast shortly be-
fore the police patrol began its re-
turn trip.

The British Admiralty having aban-
doned all hope of recovering the
sunken submarine 'A7' in Whitesand
Bay, the funeral service of the Church
of England was held last week for
the eleven men who perished there,
the cruiser 'Forth' anchoring during
the service over the place where the
submarine went down. A similar ser-
vice was conducted in the Royal
Navy Barracks at Keyham. Thirteen
submarines, most of them of the 'A'
class, stood by the 'Forth' while the
funeral service was being read. Their
crews stood with bared heads on the
decks. Near by was the Royal Navy
yacht 'Enchantress,' bearing Vice-
Admiral J. H. Jellicoe, representing
the Admiralty. One thousand officers
of the navy and army attended the
land service. At the close the 'Forth'
fired three broadsides in salute of the
dead and the buglers sounded the
"Last Post."

The army of two thousand unem-
ployed, with General C. T. Kelley
commanding, started on March 3rd
from San Francisco on its march ac-
ross the continent to Washington, D.
C. The "army" is composed of 24
companies of ninety men each, includ-
ing a company of buglers and an hos-
pital corps. Many carried blanket
rolls containing provisions. Kelley
says he expects to increase his army
en route, and believes he will enter
Washington at the head of 50,000
soldiers. He expects people along the
line of march to provide the "army"
with food and other necessities, but
the army will refuse to do any work
for what is received.

Sir James Wolfe Murray, a des-
cendant of Col. Murray, in whose
arms General Wolfe expired, has been
appointed commander of the Imperial
forces in South Africa. Sir James
who is in his sixtieth year, distin-
guished himself in the South African
war.

Mr. Asquith submitted to the
House of Commons on March 9th the
government's proposals for a settle-
ment of Irish Home Rule, on the fol-
lowing basis: Any county in the
Province of Ulster may be excluded
from Home Rule for a period of six
years if, on a poll being taken of
parliamentary electors of any county
before the bill comes into operation,
a majority of voters favors exclu-
sion. A poll shall be taken in the
county if a requisition be presented
signed by one-tenth of the electors
and presented within a certain time
after the date of the passing of the
bill; the persons entitled to vote will
be those entitled to vote at parlia-
mentary elections, and the questions
put will be: Are you for the exclu-
sion of the county from the Govern-
ment of Ireland for a period of six
years; or, are you against such ex-
clusion. The areas that vote for ex-
clusion will come within the juris-
diction of Home Rule after six years,
unless the Imperial Parliament other-
wise determines.