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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

*"I must have liberty,  
Withal as large a charter as the wind—  
To blow on whom I please."*

ALTHOUGH it has been necessary more than once in these columns to refer to family troubles, the task is an exceedingly disagreeable one. The general wish is that when we shut the street door the skeleton is securely locked up in the cupboard inside the house, but now and then the troubles of a much abused, long-suffering wife cry out, eloquent in the silence in which they are borne. There was a case in the police court the other day, wherein an unfortunate woman was tied to a brute miscalled a man, who beat her and otherwise illused her. My simple advice to a woman in that position is to walk out—have absolutely nothing more to do with the contemptible coward. The other night, this mistake on mankind struck his wife several times, hit her on the face in two places and tore the flesh from her wrist. These wounds she showed when she applied for a summons. She cannot bear the smell of tobacco, and once asked her husband to keep away from her when he was chewing. He replied that he desired her to get used to it, and forced the quid that he was chewing from his mouth into hers.

Why a woman will remain with a creature of this character, I cannot imagine, but no doubt there is some explanation. Mrs. Russel may, however, take to herself the poor consolation that she is not the only woman in Victoria who is chained to a something more loathsome than a corpse. There are other brutes of husbands, whose salvation is that their poor wives

have not the moral courage of Mrs. Russel to appeal to the law for protection. I know cases of brutality, neglect and abuse, some of which it may be necessary to publish before many days; cases where the misnomer of a man idles his time among disreputable companions, and after parading the streets in the early morning with an abandoned, painted creature on his arm, he goes "home" and pollutes his pure and good wife by his very presence. "Home!" No, that is a mistake; the place, comfortless, cheerless and cold, where the suffering, silent, little woman hides, or endeavors to hide, the abuse and deprivation which are but too apparent. Young man, do you recognize the picture?

Ald. Bragg has, in common with other civic orators, been complaining lately of misreporting, and has written to the daily papers demanding that what he does say should be reported, and what he does not say should be left out. In order to please the worthy alderman, and to show these fervid debaters what is lost to posterity through their not having an official reporter, I give below an extract of one of Ald. Bragg's speeches transcribed from the actual shorthand notes taken at the time, which will show how light is the task of the reporter in endeavoring to get a little common sense, and a few coherent ideas, out of the rubbish spoken by the average alderman that Victorians go out of their way to vote for.

He says, in the course of his remarks: "Now, sir, I take it that in a matter of this kind that it is nothing but right that the city should give its consent, considerin'

ing that it has to go before the people, and the people, as you all know, and I might say that as regards that other railway that we had before the people some little while ago, that I was one of them as was in favor of that scheme and voted for the funds that the projectors asked from the people, and I was one of them that was in favor of seein' that railway scheme carried out to a successful issue, and I was well aware, as you are all well aware, that it has been for some time been practically a dead issue, and, as I have said before, this other company, as you are all well aware, is comin' in, and I say let the best man win and let the ratepayers decide, and I have no doubt that both schemes will take a stand on its merits. \* \* \*

It has already been stated, as you are all well aware, that in the last sittin' of the Legislature the house passed upon assistin' this company, and, therefore, I think I am of opinion that surely that the council should give the projectors at any rate let the by-law, the board ought to let the by-law go before the people."

Now the above is delightful material for an unfortunate reporter to make a "speech" out of. But then how can people expect men who vote in favor of Chinese to speak intelligible English. Ald. Bragg must not speak of misreporting, or I will publish verbatim the above memorable effusion of his, and let him see what stuff he talks when he gets on his feet, and how it strikes other people. But Ald. Bragg is not the only one in the crowd; I have a whole batch of such gems of oratorical brilliancy from the aldermanic board.

These are times when men are

planning and scheming to economise, with a view to make both ends meet. Their minds are turned from the channels of speculation to those of industry and thrift, and the magnificent agricultural district in and around Victoria is reaping the benefit of this new turn of affairs. This, however, is only what should have been long before, where such glorious advantages exist. It is the popular notion that the "hard times" have killed local real estate business; in a small measure only is this correct, far more places are being improved, and there is more enquiry for suburban property than ever before. It is enquiry, too, of the right kind; from men who build and settle down to work the land, doing now what the wily Chinaman has been doing all along, getting a first rate living out of the land. The results of proper cultivation are very apparent in one instance as near town as Hillside Avenue, where one gentleman grows far more fruit and vegetables on part of two city lots than the average "rancher" produces on five acres. Then there was the late Mr. Brocklehurst's little garden, a veritable world's fair of garden produce. The Lamberton Brothers have made the Mount Tolmie valley a smiling garden; and there are hosts of others who are following the example of this sturdy pair of men within the past year, the results of whose labors will very soon be manifest. This is the right kind of speculation.

I read with a great deal of pleasurable interest Miss A. D. Cameron's series of articles on the World's Fair, and was sorry to see them come to a conclusion. She writes gracefully and fluently, with the happy knack of winning the attention of her readers. Her remark in "Musings by Niagara," in speaking about Toronto, that true religion requires something more than fine churches and loud protestations, was particularly ap-

propriate, for if there is a place in the Dominion where vice is carried to a finer point than in "Toronto, the good," or where hypocrisy covers a greater multitude of sins, I should like to see it. And we have a set of people here, churchgoers and so-called good people, who would make another Toronto of Victoria. It will be a bad day for Victoria if they ever attain the upper hand.

My worthy friend, the editor of the *Colonist*, has been writing vigorously about the using, or rather abusing, of the surface drains for sewerage purposes, and rightly so, but from the same spirit that muzzled both the daily papers last year from speaking out boldly about the "true inwardness" of the smallpox scare, he has kept back one thing, and that is that there is typhoid fever in several families along the line of these connections, distinctly traceable to the abuse of the surface drains from their original purpose, and nothing else. There is no use beating about the bush; we had the smallpox through letting a set of ignorant and stupidly pig headed men mismanage our affairs, and it will be the same with this latest blundering act of these individuals that people vote for. If the Citizens' Association do not succeed in bringing out a better, more disinterested and altogether more trustworthy set of men at the next municipal election, it would be just as well to accept unconditionally the government of the "Czar"; we should at least have intelligent and businesslike management of the city's affairs, and yet be entirely within the scope of Mayor Beaven's vade mecum, the Municipal Act.

A judge sees both sides of the case. Mr. Justice Walkem heard the case against Ald. Baker and deposed him; now the learned judge has been called upon to reinstal the ousted alderman who was returned to the seat to fill which he had been disqualified.

A gentleman who has gone through a deal of litigation in this province said the other day that one gets lots of law here, but the blind-folded female with the scales seldom makes her appearance, and he supposed the judges had to administer the law as it was laid down. It was not a matter of which side had the better case, but which had the more money to grab up the smartest lawyers.

A new firm of undertakers has been established in this city, or rather an old business has been taken over by new parties, and the *Times* makes the encouraging statement that they will undoubtedly do a prosperous business. I wonder if this statement is borne out by circumstantial evidence of any kind, such as one of the members of the new firm being a doctor by profession, or running a drug store in connection with the undertaking business, or has the evening paper received any authoritative information that the mortality is to be very great, and that the new embalmers will be particularly in demand?

It is more than likely that Alberni will witness the next gold excitement, if the reports that come down from that point are true. However, it is not merely the report of enthusiasts that we have; I was shown some quartz samples and dust by Mr. Henry Saunders the other day, and though not a professional mineralogist, I can tell a good thing when it is shown to me. Mr. Saunders is too level headed a veteran in business to become enthusiastic over trifles, but he is dead in earnest over the "find," which leads one to believe there is something in it. There are both quartz and placer diggings, the richness of which is said to be very great. It is to be hoped all these expectations will be realized, and that this discovery will form one of the clubs to break the back of the hard times.

These are the days of Messiahs and prophets, a large number of whom have sprung up lately. The latest is a Henry B. Foulke, whose hailing place is not far from the cultured Boston, so that it may be taken as assured that he is a person of much refinement. He claims to have gone through the process of incarnation quite extensively, no less than seven times, in order to become the saviour of this modern Israel. It is not known yet what his attitude will be on the silver and Chinese questions, or whether he will include tariff reform in his saving vocation, but his prophecy that socialism will "come out on top" is definite enough as showing his views in that direction. Of course he also prognosticates war and bloodshed, the old standbys of all these people who "gull" the public.

Notwithstanding the fact that the lacrosse boys played a draw game with the famous Shamrocks, the occasion was virtually a victory for the British Columbia contingent. It must have been a splendid spectacle, any of those matches, to see the veterans of the national game bite the dust before this team from the far and comparatively unknown west, but there seems to have been general good feeling on both sides over the result. That is the proper way to take defeat and bear the honors of victory, and it is to be hoped that the boys will be just as quick to take that pointer as they were to get onto the beautiful combination of the Shamrocks. Even if they do not win another match in this tour, the boys have placed a feather in British Columbia's cap that British Columbians may well be proud of, for the easterners will have been shown that we grow something else in this province besides mountains and big trees. From all quarters the reports of the team are favorable, both as to their personnel and playing; not

an unfavorable comment has been passed upon them anywhere. Well done, boys, let the good work go on.

The Cornwalls declined to put up the necessary guarantee to cover the Victoria team's expenses, and therefore the match in that town was declared off. This is to be very much regretted, for it was one of the events to which the team principally looked forward. It cannot surely be that the very stronghold of lacrosse feared to meet the western lads because the latter had humbled Montreal and Toronto, but the casual observer would say that such is the case. However, the matter may yet be arranged before the homeward trip is taken. The result of this tour suggests the advisability of instituting a Canadian championship series which shall embrace Canada as a whole. It has been shown that the west is not behind the east in the national pastime, why then should the championship of Canada be confined to Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Cornwall? The matter is no doubt worth thinking over. The details could be arranged at a conference of the various authorities of lacrosse, so that the expense of transportation might be minimized.

One of the fathers of confederation has been swept away by time's scythe, in the person of Sir A. T. Galt, whose career has been closely identified with that of Canada from the time when she really commenced her career as a nation. He was also a shrewd investor, and took advantage of the opportunities which offered, and from which so many who were before then obscure men, emerged millionaires and public figures. As a public speaker, the deceased gentleman was more brilliant perhaps than forceful, except when he came to handle monetary statistics, in which he excelled. Sir A. T. Galt

will be missed in Montreal, where, besides having large interests, he did a great deal of good.

The Merchant's Exchange is the latest institution to make its appearance, and is one which, if properly conducted, will fill a long felt want. Some place where merchants and business men could profitably spend the midday hour, was badly needed; a place where they could be brought together for mutual benefit, and where they can read the papers and magazines relating to their respective callings. In fact, this should have been started long ago; but better late than never.

"A Local Preacher" takes Magistrate Macrae severely to task for some utterances of the latter in the course of his magisterial functions. It seems the worthy magistrate made some remark about a local preacher, which the gentleman first mentioned took as an insult to the fraternity, and forthwith proceeds to preach to Mr. Macrae. The sermon would be all right if it were not that "Local Preacher," in defining the brotherhood, only mentions three names—the Apostle Paul, Spurgeon and Moody—and states that this brotherhood receive no money for their work. I am not in a position to speak authentically about Paul's disinterestedness, but I certainly know that neither Spurgeon nor Moody went into the business for their health; on the contrary, they made a good thing out of it, and earned lots of money on the side from the publication of hymn books, tracts, pamphlets and so forth. "A Local Preacher" must be mistaken in this instance, however, for Mr. Macrae is too much of a gentleman to insult anyone, either directly or by innuendo.

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MAYNARD HAVELOCK COWAN'S name is papa, now, and he still recognizes old friends.

AN official inspection of weights and measures in some parts of Victoria is said to be needed.

WE are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.

CIRCUMSTANCES form the character, but, like petrifying waters, they too often harden while they form.

NATURE has written a letter of credit upon some men's faces, which is honored almost wherever presented.

IT is understood that Ald. Bragg thinks he could fill the mayor's chair better than Mr. Beaven, of whom he is an ardent admirer.

IF you have great sorrows keep them to yourself, unless you have some bosom friend that will listen to you with a sympathetic ear.

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IT is an error to suppose that a man belongs to himself. No man does. He belongs to his wife, or his children, or his relations, or to society in some form or another.

To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, full of sympathy, full of helpful hope, causes a man to carry blessings of which he himself is unconscious as a lamp is of its own light.

NEVER affect or assume a particular character, for it will never fit you, but probably give you ridicule; but leave it to your conduct, your virtues, your morals, and your manners to give you one.

WE make unlovely all our days by the little soul we put into our efforts, by the way in which duties push us forward, by lack of that electric something which makes all words, all deeds, quiver and glow.

AN editor out west who sends his paper out to "time subscribers" sends a bill each year. When a second bill is sent and there is no response, he takes it for granted that the subscriber is dead, and publishes an "obituary notice" in his columns.

OH, thou that pinest in the imprisonment of the actual, and criest bitterly to the gods for a kingdom wherein to rule and create, know this of a truth: the thing that thou seekest is already before thee, here or nowhere, couldst thou only see.

WORKINGMEN will note that Ald. Robertson the latest accession to the aldermanic board, and who

mainly got in on the strength of his "friendliness" toward the working man, is a supporter of Chinese labor on work connected with civic contracts.

VICTORIANS should take a leaf from the book of the people of Winnipeg, who have become disgusted with brainless blundering aldermen, and are seeing about placing municipal affairs in the hands of salaried commissioners, holding office during good behavior.

ENCOURAGE your little one to sing. Music lessens care and heart-ache. Often and often the words of a song, the sweet melody, linger in the heart after the voice is silent, and keep alive the courage which has almost died; anxiety and heart pain cause heart disease, and after that quickly comes death. Song sweetens toil, and it is imperative that parents and teachers should aim to increase this means of happiness for the children, if for no other reason than to strengthen their minds and hearts for the labors to be borne in mature years.

THE late Benjamin P. Shillaber, whose published sayings of Mrs. Partington were very popular some years ago, was fond of quoting her in friendly conversation, though he used to say that such twists of the language came easier from his pen. He always laughed at her perversities, and a friend relates that he said that in his last book on Mrs. Partington he had to kill her so that no one else should lay claim to her. Her peculiarities were suggested to him by those of an elderly friend of his youth in the New Hampshire town where he was born.

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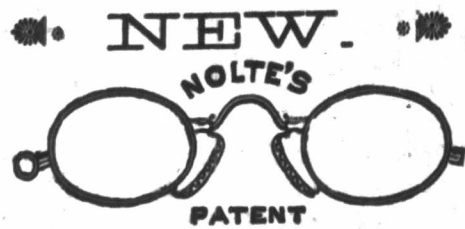
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### PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Miss A. Mahrer, of Nanaimo,  
will leave shortly for Europe to  
visit friends and relatives.

E. J. Palmer, the popular man-  
ager of the Chemainus Lumber Co.,  
spent some days in Victoria this  
week.

Mr. M. Hamburger and Mr. A.  
Merrmont, both of Wellington, are  
spending the Jewish holidays in  
the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahrer left for  
Nanaimo yesterday, after spending  
a few days here visiting relatives  
and friends.

Mr. Joseph Philo, the talented  
young violinist, will leave for  
Vienna on the 27th to complete  
his musical studies.

Mr. Jack Fannin, Curator of the  
Provincial museum, is all right, the  
report that he had been shot hav-  
ing proved groundless.

Mr. Geo. W. Haynes sailed by  
the direct steamer for San Fran-  
cisco, where he will devote several  
months to the study of his profes-  
sion.

Sir Matthew Begbie, C. J., is at  
Kamloops, where he will remain  
for some time in search of health  
and strength, which, his numerous

friends will be glad to hear, he is  
rapidly regaining.

Dr. George Duncan, the popular  
and hustling municipal health  
officer, has been granted a well  
earned holiday, and left on the  
Warimoo for Australia, where he  
is sure to enjoy himself.

D. M. Eberts, Q. C., of the firm  
of Eberts & Taylor, has taken a  
trip east, partly on pleasure and  
partly on business. He has some  
important cases to watch at the  
coming sittings of the Supreme  
Court of Canada.

The Hebrew Ladies' Society will  
hold their annual Simcha's Thora  
(the rejoicing of the law) ball on  
the 2nd Oct. in their new hall.  
Elaborate preparations have been  
made for the comfort of all. A  
good time is assured to all who  
attend.

The Victoria chess club at their  
annual meeting Thursday evening,  
elected the following officers: Rev.  
J. B. Hewetson, president; J.  
Kingham, honorary secretary-trea-  
surer; Committee—B. Williams,  
A. J. Rowbotham, P. T. Johnston,  
A. Gonnason and F. C. Berridge.  
The club opens on Saturday even-  
ing, the 30th inst. All persons de-  
siring of joining are invited to  
communicate with the honorary  
secretary at 49 Government street.

Mios Miriam Frank, daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank, acquitted  
herself in a most creditable man-  
ner at the examination held at Palo  
Alto Stanford's University, last  
week. Out of 300 students who  
took the examination, only 40  
passed in full standing, and Miss  
Mamie was one of the forty; and  
not alone that but her percentage  
was so much above the average  
that she skipped this year's course,  
and enters upon the second. It  
will be remembered that Miss  
Frank carried off the Governor-  
General's silver medal this summer.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank may well be  
proud of her.

A circular has been issued with the object of forming a music club on lines somewhat similar to those of the Musical Society of last year. The following suggestions drawn up by a committee will be submitted to the first general meeting of members for consideration: That the name be The Choral Union; that the membership be limited to 40; meetings to be held every Tuesday evening at the houses of members in rotation, from October to March inclusive; that Mr. W. Edgar Buck be engaged as conductor; that two concerts be given during the season; that Haydn's Creation and Handel's Judas Mac-cabeus be the music selected for practice. Mrs. Day, Rocklands Avenue, and Miss Dupont, Scoresby street, are the principal movers in the new organization.

Scotsmen assembled in good style at the Mackenzie centennial concert on Thursday evening, the proceedings being purely Scottish, full of the national vim and spirit. There were several well known favorites on the programme, notably Mr. Clement Rowlands, who keeps in splendid form, and sings with more power, finish and fervor than ever. His rendering of "I fear no foe" was a surprise, coming even from his masterly voice, the lower notes being reached with wonderful clearness and correctness. Mrs. McCandless was also down for a song, which was given to an audience that warmly testified its appreciation. Miss Strachan, Mr. Keith, Mr. E. Wolff, the well known violinist, Miss Hutcheson, Mr. Brownlie, Sergt. Mellon, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Quenten, Mr. Anderson and Miss Jamieson, all contributed to an evening full of pleasure and historic interest, which the audience will not soon forget.

**MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.**

Aubrey Boucicault has signed with Richard Mansfield.

The Urania Spectacles is looked for the Victoria on Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

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