

FAVOR NAVAL PLAN OF A VICTORY

Suggestion Heartily Endorsed in Influential Circles in Eastern Canada

The appended letter appeared in the Quebec Chronicle which paper also reproduced the article on "Canada and the Navy" which appeared in the London Review, both of which are editorial staff of the Colonist.

The annexed extract from London Times, 22nd of January forms part of an article under above heading. There is also an article in the February number of the London Review, both of which are editorial staff of the Colonist.

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Through the British government providing such cruisers for Canada would enable young men of the Dominion to obtain training positions in the merchant service possibly in the navy. As an instance of what education might be obtained, the late Mr. St. John's, a young man who filled most important positions in Royal Engineers and other branches of the British army, and who rendered service in different parts of the Empire.

The establishment of a naval school should be of the greatest advantage in the education of young men of the Dominion, and it is to be hoped that the Dominion government would become possessed of additional funds from which to carry out this project.

Periodical Cruises. Through the British government placing such cruisers at the disposal of the Dominion, the Dominion would be able to take periodic cruises, as is customary in the British navy, and carry out the studies and acquire practical, training and general education, qualifying them for the sea, and for the most important marine career, similar to the education of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Before the Empire Club. Hon. John A. Barron, county of Perth, Ont., delivered an address a few days ago before the Empire Club of Toronto, during the course of which he said:

"I point out that from our autonomy comes the true rational and plan for imperial aid, a plan reasonably within our financial means. Now what does our autonomy do to us? It tells us to do as we please, and that which Australia, Canada should do, mutatis mutandis, is to insure that it is Canada's own business, and not a matter of unprotected coast, and the migration is an inviting opportunity to an enemy. It may be that a few more would be sent to Canada, unless we first were badly attacked, but one or two cruisers would not be a bad thing, and it is well to think what a terrible and destruction such a fleet would be to our coast."

Close to Atlantic Peril. Again, Canada, on the Pacific coast, is in a position to be close to the Asiatic peril, and from our physical conformation, our geographical position, our maritime millitantcy, yet with a large medium of navigation, Canada is in a position to be attacked by sea, would present a very peculiar and a local force is as much necessary in defence against an attack from the military force, each arm, in the co-ventry, and other, and without the former, the Admiral Colomb, a force bound to fall if properly attacked.

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COPCO, floating, 3 cakes for 25c
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OATMEAL SKIN, 3 cakes for 25c
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U.S. Cream Separator is biggest maker gets more cream than any other. Holds WORLD'S RECORD for clean skimming. Cream represents cash - you waste cream every day if not using a U.S. Cream Separator.

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Only \$15
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LAND ACT Form of Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Pine Creek Power Company, Limited, will be held at the office of the Registrar of Companies, 111, Government Street, Victoria, British Columbia, on Wednesday, the 17th day of March, 1909, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

LIQUOR LICENSES ACT, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises to be known as the Parson's Bridge Hotel, situated at Parson's Bridge, Sooke Road, E. C. Hanson, Proprietor.

FURN BRED LIVESTOCK

STANDARD BRED S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching, \$2 per 150, \$3 per 200, \$4 per 250, \$5 per 300, \$6 per 350, \$7 per 400, \$8 per 450, \$9 per 500.

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NEW BLOCK FOR BUSINESS SECTION

Wealthy Chinese Syndicate Will Build Corner Broad and Johnson

The block of property on the north-west corner of Broad and Johnson streets has been purchased from Joseph Bros., who headquarters are at London, Eng., by a wealthy syndicate of local Chinese merchants.

INCREASING POWER

B. C. Electric Expects to Have New Unit at Vancouver Completed Some Time in July. Vancouver, March 16.—The work of putting in a new unit of ten thousand horse power at the power house of the British Columbia Electric Company is progressing.

SIMPSON AND SHRUBB ARE WORKING HARD

Long Distance Runners to Meet on 20th Inst. in Canada. Toronto, March 16.—Both Simpson and Shrubbs, who are to meet in a twelve-mile race at the armories on the 20th, were out working yesterday.

PRISONERS IN PANIC

New York, March 16.—Panic for a short time broke out last night among the 1,500 city prisoners on Hart's Island, at the entrance of Long Island sound, when fire, said to have been caused by defective wiring, was discovered in a large frame building used as a shoe shop.

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SUCCESS OF M. C. A. IN COLLEGE FIELD

Secretary Billings Addresses Students and Speaks of Work Done

Thomas H. Billings, the Y. M. C. A. high school and college secretary for Canada, yesterday afternoon addressed some fifteen of the first and second year McGill students who are attending Victoria college.

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THE UNITED STATES TARIFF.

The changes proposed in the United States tariff can be only imperfectly understood from the telegraphic synopsis of them, but they seem to be of very great interest. Canada is particularly interested in the reduction of the duty on lumber to fifty per cent, which would be an unconditional concession.

A maximum tariff and a minimum tariff are provided for. These are intended to facilitate the negotiations of the government with foreign countries for trade agreements. We are without details and are unable to make any explanatory comment.

A new expedient to raise a revenue has been proposed, namely the imposition of an inheritance tax. A question may arise as to the constitutionality of such legislation. When an income tax was directed by Congress, the Supreme Court of the United States set the measure aside.

The new tariff will open the door for the free admission of coal into the United States from Canada. If it becomes law, and the Canadian parliament removes the duty on coal, there will be a free interchange in this commodity between the two countries.

THE G. T. PACIFIC LOAN.

The resolution submitted to Parliament authorizing the loan to the Grand Trunk Pacific is substantially as follows: The sum of \$10,000,000 is to be loaned by the government to the company, the money to be used in completing the Pacific section of the road.

The loan is to bear interest at 4 per cent, and is to be secured by mortgage upon the prairie section of the railway, the government to receive bonds for the amount. The government, in the case of default in the payment of interest or principal, may exercise the same rights of foreclosure as private bondholders.

Turning now to a survey of the situation which would be created were the admiralty to tender a number of vessels to Canada and our government to accept them, we are able to state that, in so far as Esquimaux is concerned, no difficulty whatever is anticipated in the maintenance of such ships on this coast, manned mainly by Canadian crews.

Lord Brassey called attention to the proceedings of the Colonial Conference, 1907, in relation to naval defence; and to the correspondence relating to the naval defence of Australia and New Zealand, 1908. He said that he wished particularly to call attention to the policy of concerted action between the mother country and the colonies for naval defence.

The Earl of Granard, who replied for the admiralty, said that, so far as one could see at the present moment, although the different colonies had been discussing questions of naval defence, they had not come to any definite conclusion. The admiralty viewed with great satisfaction any efforts that our colonies might make towards the establishment of a navy or for a certain number of vessels for their own protection, and they would give careful consideration to any scheme which might be submitted to them.

It will be seen from the above that the imperial authorities are quite willing to assist Canada in the effort to establish the nucleus of a navy of her own by the transference to our flag of warships which would otherwise be placed out of commission. That there are available in ample numbers ships of a suitable class, which

though technically termed "obsolescent" are in speed and general fitness quite adequate for our purposes, is shown by a correspondent of the London Standard. He says that in 1908 a list of the protected cruisers of the second class nine were "retired." They were the Apollo, Intrepid, Rainbow, Retribution, Tribune, Naiad, Matamoras, Anfronache, and Pique.

A few days ago Hon. John Barron, County Judge of Stratford, Ont., addressed the Empire club of Toronto on "Naval Defence for Canada." We make this extract from the Toronto Star's report of his speech. Judge Barron is a strong advocate of naval defence for Canada, and says that "Naval defence contributes to imperial strength, because as a chain of no stronger than its weakest link, so is empire no stronger than its weakest part."

In this connection mention may be made of the proposed railway from Victoria to Esquimaux, which was discussed at the Board of Trade the other day. Our contemporary, the Free Press of Nanaimo, is mistaken in saying that the Board endorsed this enterprise; the Board did not act upon it.

AS TO PAINT. This is an advertisement of 'anybody's' paint, nor is it written with a view to getting into the market, but it is simply an illustration of the various persons who sell or apply paint. It is simply an illustration of the various persons who sell or apply paint.

REGINALD MCKENNA. In the naval estimates announced that a bill will be introduced to sanction an arrangement whereby the Canadian government has undertaken to maintain for the Imperial navy, the establishments at Halifax and Esquimaux.

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RAIL TO THE MAINLAND

We are sorry to see that our contemporary, the Nanaimo Herald, is not disposed to favor an effort to secure railway connection with the Mainland by way of Butte Inlet or some other route in that neighborhood, but thinks such a project "too big and above our present deserts."

Whereas it is in the interest of the people of this province and humanity that some solution of evils arising out of traffic in intoxicating liquors be arrived at;

Whereas local option, which aims at prohibition in given localities of the sale of intoxicating liquors, is objectionable from certain standpoints and ineffective as a remedy;

Whereas the government has decided to grant a plebiscite at some future date on this question;

Whereas it has been shown that the Gothenburg system of manufacturing and distributing liquor, which removes many of the evils complained of; and

Whereas it is desirable that the people of this province, before taking a plebiscite, be advised of full information on the question;

Whereas it is resolved, that an address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to take into consideration the merits of the Gothenburg system, and to recommend to the Royal Commission immediately to inquire into all matters in relation to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in this province, with a view to ascertaining the amount of liquor manufactured, imported and sold, and to ascertain the amount of capital invested, the number of wage-earners employed, the estimated profits obtained by such employment, and to obtain such information in regard to the Gothenburg system as may enable the people to intelligently compare the merits of the adoption and establishment of this system, or a modification of it, in the province of British Columbia.

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Alteration Sale of China

All Odd Pieces Offered at Interesting Prices

TO WELL PLEASED are we with the new arrangement of our Drapery Department that we have decided to make some important alterations in the China Store.

Our display space will be temporarily reduced and we must make the most of it, so out go all odd pieces in the china way.

Come in today and every day for you'll find many, real bargains in china bits.

Fine Tapestry Carpet Squares From "Crossley"

The great popularity these Crossley Diamond Tapestry Squares have enjoyed is merited, for they are one of the most serviceable lines we have ever shown.

Attractive in appearance, easy to sweep and keep clean and built for hard wear, they have won popular favor here. In this collection you'll find many excellent patterns and a fine choice of colorings.

Crossley Diamond Tapestry Squares have but one seam and which makes them worth more than the other sort.

Size 9ft. x 9ft. \$12.00 Size 10ft. 6in. x 9ft. \$16.00 Size 12ft. x 9ft. \$18.00 Size 12ft. x 10ft. 6in. \$20.00 Size 13ft. 6in. x 10ft. 6in. \$22.50 Size 13ft. 6in. x 12ft. \$24.00

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For kitchen walls the very best covering is "Decora"—a washable wall cloth, applied like wall paper and cleaned and washed as you would clean table oilcloth.

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Charming New Muslins

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There are many new styles shown, and you'll find here something suitable for every environment. It is a complete and comprehensive assortment of the very finest of the mills produce.

And withal you'll find little prices rule. Large purchases enable us to do this—enable you to work wonderful changes in the home's appearance and at little cost.

The expert advice of our drapery experts is yours for the asking—free. Prices on these new muslins range from, per yard, \$1.50 to 40¢

LOW INSURANCE RATES Clothes Protection for Little The preservation of one garment from the ravages of the moth will more than pay for one of these Moth-proof Camphor Wood Trunks.

These trunks are our own importation and offer the best possible protection against moths in woollens, furs and other materials. Two sizes at, each, \$12.50 and \$8.50

HANDY WRITING DESK Here is a convenient and useful article to have in the home—a Writing Desk.

An English style, made of polished walnut, brass straps and plate, leather covered inside flaps, secret drawers and fitted with a superior lock and key.

Conveniently arranged for the storage of writing materials. Two sizes. Price, each, \$6.50 and \$5.50

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During the past year an increased number of those who have come to Victoria from the Old Country, east of Canada have applied for all their money has been spent. Many and they have found it in getting employment at once, some cases the help given by the district has been great value.

The special gifts at Christmas were promptly repaid. At Christmas great pleasure to those families who had been previously recommended by the district visitors, and it is a sign that every year the children in the school are being brought up in the ways of the Lord.

There are many new styles shown, and you'll find here something suitable for every environment. It is a complete and comprehensive assortment of the very finest of the mills produce.

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REV. FATHER CAINE ON IRISH MUSIC

"Ireland, the Land of Song,"
Theme of Address at In-
stitute Hall

(From Thursday's Daily.)
"Ireland, the beautiful land of
song," was the theme of an address
delivered by Rev. Father Caine at
the Institute hall last evening when
due honor was paid to the memory of
Ireland's patron saint and the viceroy
fittingly celebrated. The hall was
crowded and the excellent programme
of Irish airs and Father Caine's ad-
dress were heartily applauded.

But, as was ably pointed out by the
great Irish-Australian, the late
Mabon Glynn, while recognizing these
characteristics of our fellow citizens
we must remember that the Irish Gael
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cial songs and airs for different crafts
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cations. War marches were played by
the pipers at the head of the clansmen
marching to battle; spinning, weaving,
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American phrase, "where there was
something doing," there was the
fishman in his glory!

Excellent Programme
Mrs. Duncan Campbell was most
heartily enjoyed when she sang "Great
Bairn" by Hope Temple, and upon re-
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Montreal, March 16.—Joseph George
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C.N.R., is dead as the result of in-
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and means rules committees. The
new members of the ways and means
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and Brownward, of Louisiana, Dem-
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Toronto, March 16.—Cobalt ore
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OAK BAY COUNCIL IN BENIGN MOOD

Three Reasons For Self-Congratulation, Chief Being Water Question

(From Tuesday's Daily) Members of the Oak Bay council were in a benign frame of mind last night, the occasion being their regular fortnightly session. They had two reasons, it transpired, for self-congratulation. The chief was the settlement of the long question between that district and Victoria. There was a second, however, of scarcely less importance. It was that Councilor Oliver had succeeded in prevailing on the Attorney-General to exempt Oak Bay's municipality from an amendment to the municipality clauses act providing that the consent of the ratepayers must be secured on any plan, however insignificant, to be undertaken. And, as well, there was yet another cause for congratulation, and that was the fact that the water committee had been authorized to proceed with the installation of a distribution system with the least possible delay.

Routine business having been transacted, Clerk Floyd read a report from the water committee, outlining the terms of the agreement reached between the municipality and Victoria regarding water supply. Your committee, early in February determined to apply to the legislative body for recognition of the claim of Oak Bay's municipality to be supplied with water by the city of Victoria.

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The Agreement 1. The city of Victoria: 1. Agrees to supply Oak Bay municipality with its proportion of the existing supply of water to be determined by the number of services then in use until such time as the city of Victoria shall procure an improved system of water supply to be supplied in bulk at a price not less than sixteen cents and not more than twenty cents per thousand gallons.

2. Agrees that when it shall procure such improved system it will supply Oak Bay with its proportion of the total supply of such improved system at a readjusted price. 3. All matters arising out of the relations between the city and Oak Bay in connection with water supply including price of water shall be determined by water commissioner appointed under water act 1309.

4. Further report was submitted by the water committee as appended: Report of a meeting of the water committee held in the office of the clerk on Monday, 8th March, 1909, at 11 a.m. Councilors W. E. Oliver (chairman), Newton, Noble and McGregor attended. The engineer submitted plans of distribution and the comparative prices of English and Canadian pipe. Resolved to recommend as follows: 1. That the engineer be authorized to confer with Mr. Lubbe senior, on the matter of distribution system and orders for pipe.

2. That the system be carried out as a work of local improvement, the municipality at large participate in the benefits of the system and accordingly contribute a proportionate share of the cost. 3. That in estimating the proportion it be laid down as a general rule that all pipes over 4 in. in diameter the municipality pay the cost of such pipe in so far as it exceeds the cost of a 4 in. pipe. 4. That all sums required by the municipality for water works purposes whether by way of advances or otherwise be raised by a special water works loan secured by a special water rate to be assessed on the whole municipality. 5. That where an owner applies to make connection with an existing pipe in the cost of which he has not

participated such connection be granted only on obtaining from the applicant a binding agreement by which he undertakes to apply for such extension by way of local improvement along all roads on which his lands abut as may at any time be required by other owners on such roads.

Roads, Sewers, Bridges. The report of the roads, sewers and bridges committee was submitted as follows: Report of the regular meeting of the roads, sewers, bridges and buildings committee held in the office of the clerk on Monday, 15th March, 1909, at 10 a.m. Councilor Noble (chairman), Councilors Oliver, Pemberton, McGregor, Newton and Colbert, the reeve and the engineer. From the engineer, re plumbing and sewer connections bylaw.—A letter from the reeve was received suggesting an amendment to the Plumbing and Sewer Connections bylaw. Moved by Councilor Colbert that this committee recommend the council to amend the first paragraph of section 61 of the said bylaw, and shall be laid at a depth of not less than two feet from the surface.

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2. What power the municipality would have to issue a notice under the Building bylaw whereby on the receipt of a petition signed by three-fourths of the owners of property on any street the minimum value of buildings to be erected on that street may be stated. It was further resolved that the clerk be instructed to obtain the opinion of the solicitors on the following points: 1. How far can the municipality enforce the Building bylaw with respect to: (a) Unsanitary buildings; (b) The erection of buildings which would detract the value of surrounding property.

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ASK PERMISSION TO USE EXHIBITION TRACK

New Racing Organization May Have Track For Its Proposed Meets

(From Tuesday's Daily) The city council will offer no objection to the B. C. Agricultural association entering into an agreement with local horse fanciers permitting the use of the exhibition race track for racing meetings. A number of local gentlemen, prominent in business circles, have organized a company with the object of holding races on the track. A proposal has been made to the Agricultural association and that body, unless the council expresses its disapproval, contemplates granting the privilege asked for. With a view of ascertaining the council's attitude on the matter, the following communication was addressed by J. E. Smart, secretary of the association, to the council and considered at last night's council meeting.

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J. H. Moore, of Seattle, is in the city.

Nanaimo's Citizens' League. Captain Yates, of Nanaimo, who is in town, states that the Citizens' League, which is by means a new organization, having been in existence for several years, but which has become a branch of the Vancouver Island Development League, has secured subscriptions, which will afford the league an income of something over \$200 a month to ensure the exploitation of their particular advantages and resources. Mr. J. W. Coburn is president and Mr. Thomas Bryant their secretary.

The wreck of the schooner Soquel was seen still standing on the Seabird rocks, with one mainmast erect, the second broken, but partially standing. When the schooner grounded she bumped over a ledge of rocks to strike on an inner ledge, the outer rocks protect the vessel from the heavy seas. The wreck will probably have some time to come, owing to building depressing the values of

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The Pioneer of the Church in British Columbia

HERE are still some persons living who can recall to mind the immense amount of interest and enthusiasm which were evoked in England some fifty years ago when the Rev. George Hills sailed forth from this land to undertake the really colossal charge of leading the church in the vast and unknown colony of British Columbia, says the Church Times. By the time of his consecration, which took place in Westminster Abbey on February 24th, 1859, the expansion of the Church of England had commenced in full earnest. The lion-hearted Bishop Gray had already been at work for twelve years building up the church in South Africa. Bishop George Augustus Selwyn had long succeeded in impressing his forceful and lovable personality upon our possessions in the South Pacific ocean, while very nearly half a century had come and gone since the day when Bishop Middleton was consecrated in Lambeth Palace Chapel to the new Bishopric of Calcutta.

A New Colony

None the less, public enthusiasm was aroused to a remarkable extent by this new development of the organization of the church abroad, which will ever be associated with the name of George Hills. For many long years the fair land of British Columbia, today so full of abundant promise for the future, had remained entirely untouched by the approach of civilization. A few forts belonging to the great Hudson Bay company were the sole tokens of British power to be found anywhere on the Pacific verge of our North American possessions. Then, when the nineteenth century had about half run its course, wondrous tales came to the motherland of the marvelous mineral wealth lying hidden away in British Columbia's bosom. Needless to say, in a very short time the whole colony, from the Straits of Haro to the northern districts of lonely Cariboo, came to be overrun by adventurers of every sort and kind. The troubles experienced not so very far away down South in California were not by any means ancient history, and it was felt on all sides that a time had come when the old church must make a determined forward move, and, side by side with a civil administration conducted with magnificent integrity by men of the type of the late Sir Matthew Begbie, set on foot a vigorous effort to rescue British Columbia from the moral, social and spiritual dangers which were evidently threatening her.

To that good and great lady, Miss Burdett-Coutts, the first step was due. With splendid generosity she came forward, and though she had already bestowed one bishopric upon South Africa and a second upon Australia, she added that of British Columbia was provided, which was sufficient to endow both the new bishopric and also two arch-deaconries, the value of which latter to the Church in British Columbia, not only in its early beginnings, but still more at the present day, cannot be overestimated.

Thus the money was provided, and before so very long the man was forthcoming also. He was found among that splendid band of clergy trained by Hook, of Leeds. He had undergone a first-rate apprenticeship in the great northern manufacturing town, while for the nine years immediately preceding he had lived and worked among the hardy fisher-folk of our East Anglian coast. Under the firm and vigorous rule of George Hills, the parish of Great Yarmouth had become renowned throughout the length and breadth of England. In days when training grounds for clergy were few and far between, he had succeeded in carrying on a work in his Norfolk parish which placed it almost on a level with Leeds and Kidderminster. How much the Church in later times owed to his inspiring leadership and kindly tact may be gauged from the fact that it was here that such men as Bishop Gott of Truro and Canon Garry of Reading, to mention two names only, spent the early portion of their ministry.

Bishop Hills Chosen

So then the choice of the Church fell upon George Hills. He spent a few months in England after his consecration, during which he made a vigorous effort to secure men and funds, being backed up with a hearty goodwill by Bishop Tait of London and Bishop Wilberforce of Oxford. Nor must it be forgotten that among those young men to whom the call of God came at this particular moment was another Leeds curate, John Sheepshanks by name, who followed George Hills out to the distant West, and after nine years of unremitting toil at New Westminster on the banks of the Fraser river, returned to England, leaving behind him a name and a reputation in British Columbia second only to that of his great chief.

The obstacles which Bishop Hills had to encounter were truly enormous. Over and above those caused by the huge distances which he had to traverse in an area as large as France and Ireland put together, at a time when the railway was a wild dream of the future, there were other special difficulties calculated to appal the stoutest-hearted. For a time everything went smoothly. The new Bishop's fearless faith, his great powers of organization, and his unbounded industry, seemed to carry all before them, while the material prosperity which all had united in prophesying for British Columbia seemed to be within an ace of realization. The statement made at the great "send-off" meeting at the Mansion House the day before Bishop Hills sailed from England in November, 1859,

that the province would in all probability come to be inhabited by no less than half a million people in a very few years' time seemed destined to be realized with literal truth. But things were not so to be. A period of financial depression set in. The endowments of the diocese had been invested in the province itself, and anxiety for the future must have strained the faith and the courage of the chief pastor almost to the breaking point. Then, once more, internal troubles sprang up in the shape of a schism in Victoria itself. Still, in spite of all these difficulties, the good work grew and prospered. On commencing operations, Hills found only one solitary clergyman at work, but in twenty years' time he had succeeded in dividing up his great diocese into three portions, and when, in the evening of his life, he felt that the hour for his resignation had arrived, he departed for his motherland once more, to the same East Anglia where he had undergone his own early training, leaving behind him the vast territory over which he had been placed as spiritual leader and guide well-nigh thirty-four years previously, manned by no fewer than eighty-four clergy.

Three years longer remained to him of life, though the veteran Bishop was stricken, and his strength reduced to a mere fragment of what it once had been. The young Leeds curate to whom he had given his first pastoral charge in 1859 had by this time become Bishop

Passing across the Gulf of Georgia to the mainland of British Columbia, we reach that mighty hive of industry, Vancouver City, the most important centre, though not the ecclesiastical capital, of the diocese of New Westminster. In speaking of this diocese, it is impossible to forget the wonderful missionary career of the beloved Bishop Sillitoe, who, commencing work when Bishop Hills divided the original diocese in 1879, labored here for sixteen years, leaving behind him memories which will never be forgotten. Vancouver now numbers something like 80,000 souls, and like its smaller neighbor, New Westminster, "the Royal City," where stands the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, is simply throbbing with vigorous commercial life. There is every likelihood that before so very long Vancouver City will become one of the strongest church centres to be found in the entire Dominion of Canada. But apart from these two places, the church life in this diocese will need to be strengthened from outside for many years to come. There are no large agricultural areas, while a considerable portion of the soil is covered with dense forests, which can only be cleared by slow degrees. The rich mines, which have rendered British Columbia so famous in the eyes of the world generally, lie outside its borders. Valuable and self-denying work has gone on for long years in this diocese among the pioneer settlers, while the devoted labors, up in the interior, among the

diocese of the quartz mines. It comprises an immense amount of gorgeous scenery, of dark forests and wild mountainous districts. The character of the diocese is wholly different from that of New Westminster. The people are not scattered in small settlements over the face of the land, but to a great extent they live in close proximity to one another. Hence Kootenay is characterized by a large number of small but compact communities. Combination is possible to a far greater extent than is the case in many other Canadian dioceses, and though the difficulties even here are great, yet the people in these small townships are placed in a far better position for the organization of church life. Kootenay, although quite one of the newest portions of the great Canadian mission field, is, nevertheless, one of the most self-sufficing, for of eighteen clergy, no less than half are entirely supported by their respective congregations.

The diocese came into existence in the year 1900. It was felt at the time very strongly that it was an unsatisfactory state of things for the organization of the church in a region promising such rapid developments to be controlled from a centre hundreds of miles away on the coast. When once this wonderful region has come to realize itself, as it were, its progress is likely to be phenomenally rapid. The magnificent scenery which we associate with such names as Mount Sir Donald and Mount Stephen and the great Glacier of the

work in this diocese has been conducted among the Indian tribes, and in the course of the last thirty years (for the diocese came into being in the year 1879) a bounteous harvest has been reaped. But Caledonia, like its sisters, is also on the eve of startling developments. Within its boundaries is Prince Rupert, the terminus of the new transcontinental railway, the Grand Trunk Pacific. Everything points to Prince Rupert becoming, at no short distance of time, a great commercial centre, second only to Vancouver. The west area today, sparsely inhabited by Indians, miners, and fishermen, will then become a land of thriving and populous towns.

There are other features, too, displayed by this great region where the foundations were so well and truly laid by the first Bishop of Columbia, upon which space forbids us to dwell. We must not omit, however, some reference to that spirited and romantic venture, entitled "The Columbia Coast Mission," in which a work is now being carried on by the Rev. John Antle, among the numerous logging camps on the islands and bays of the Gulf of Georgia, which sounds almost like a reproduction in miniature of the work of the Melanesian Mission and the "Southern Cross."

Important ecclesiastical developments affecting the province of British Columbia as a whole would also appear to be pending. At the recent General Synod of the Canadian church, held at Ottawa last September, permission was given for the formation of a third ecclesiastical province, to consist of the dioceses lying to the west of the Rocky Mountains, provided that the various constituent portions are willing. Such a development as this would indeed gladden the heart of good Bishop Hills, were he with us today. This and the other grand possibilities lying ahead of the beautiful country which he loved so well, and where he worked so faithfully, would have seemed to him fifty years ago one of the wildest dreams of the imagination.

The Church in British Columbia

Thus, for the time being, it is incumbent upon church people in the Mother Country to strengthen the hands of our brethren out there in the Far West to the very fullest extent, until the time comes, which will probably be not so very far distant, when the church in British Columbia will have become one of the strongest portions to be found in the great Dominion. There is, however, one great and crying need, for lack of which, the church in the West is sadly hampered. At the present moment there is no institution of any sort or kind in the province in which a young man who feels called to the sacred ministry may receive the needful training. The opportunity has, however, now at length arrived. The machinery has already been provided by the provincial legislature for the establishment of a great university for the whole province, while they have further set apart no less than 2,000,000 acres of land for the purpose of endowment. The University of British Columbia, when once it is started, seems likely to become one of the strongest educational centres anywhere in the North American continent. The leaders of the church have wisely decided to throw in their lot with the province and to establish an institution, which will be known as St. Mark's College, the main object of which will be the training of British Columbia's future clergy. It will be attached to the university as a self-governing hostel, and its students, though possessing their own chapel, and under the guidance of their own officer, will nevertheless, be enabled to participate in all the many advantages derivable from a great centre of higher education.

The establishment of St. Mark's College is the object which those in England who are responsible for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Hills and the consequent founding of the church in British Columbia have set before themselves. The foundation of an institution, which cannot fail at no short distance of time to become one of the church's strategic outposts, is a magnificent goal to which to aim. It would be indeed difficult to find any object which should at once be a truer memorial or a nobler thank-offering for God's mercies during the past fifty years than this. It would be but the logical development, after all, of the magnificent pioneer work carried on at the cost of such labor and self-sacrifice by one who has been justly designated as "England's Apostle to distant Columbia."

"FORTY-EIGHTERS"

Mrs. James Hood, 1133 Fisguard street, sends the following, intended to correct an error in the article on "Forty-Eighters" published two weeks ago in the Sunday Supplement:

"Mr. Thomas Rabson came from San Francisco March, 1858, bringing the following children from that city: Sydney Thomas Rabson, dead; Mrs. Henry Cogan; Mrs. William Meachn, Comox, dead; Mrs. James Hood, following the occupation of nurse, 1133 Fisguard street. Seeing that the names are going to be hung in the Government building, I thought it wise to correct it."

"Do you find poultry keeping pays?"
"Well, no; I can't say that it pays me, but I think that it pays my boy Jim."
"How's that?"
"Well, you see, I bought him the fowls. I have to pay for their keep and buy the eggs from him, and he eats them."—Illustrated Bits.



of Norwich in succession to Hills' own diocesan, Bishop Pelham. Kneeling before him the great Bishop of Columbia was now instituted to the cure of souls in a little Suffolk village, and here, tended by those he loved, he continued to work, so far as strength was given him, until he was at length called home. Many there are today, both in England and in Canada, who, as they call to mind the striking personality and the fearless uprightness of this good man, will be heard to exclaim, "Verily the memory of the just is blessed."

The Growth of the Church

The structure, the foundations of which were so well laid by Bishop Hills, is year by year coming to assume more and more imposing dimensions. The one diocese is today represented by four. The Bishop of Columbia is entrusted with the spiritual oversight of Vancouver Island, and a number of adjoining islands. The original Sea City of Victoria, the provincial capital, with its many beautiful buildings, lends to the diocese a special distinction. The glorious scenery, with its great panorama of mountains and the perfect climate, attract, year by year, large numbers both of tourists and residents. The progress of the diocese, though substantial, has been slow, but it is on the eve of railway developments, and so soon as these have come into being Vancouver Island is likely to be tenanted by a great additional population. It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that the church over which Bishop Perrin presides today is marching towards a future of great and glorious possibilities.

Indians, of Archdeacon Small are well known to many. The excellent educational work, too, conducted by Sisters from the Community of All Hallows, Ditchingham, has been an immense boon to the whole province. Although the church in the diocese of New Westminster has been confronted with no small amount of difficulties in recent years, yet it has never slackened in its progress. Fifteen years ago there were only 18 clergy in the diocese, which at that time embraced Kootenay also. Today there are 18 clergy in Kootenay and 33 in New Westminster. Then, there was no, properly speaking, one single self-supporting church; today there are 18. The endowment of the bishopric, too, which for many years has been a fruitful cause of anxiety, owing to the serious depreciation of the property in which the funds were invested, has now been placed on a stable foundation once more, partly by reason of the excellent management of the property in question, partly by reason of a supplementary endowment fund of £5,000, raised mainly in England. With wise leadership and consistent support from outside, the church in the diocese of New Westminster, which owes so much to the missionary zeal of Bishop Sillitoe and the gentle rule of Bishop Dart, will be assured of a future no less full of promise than that of the mother diocese of Columbia.

The Youngest Diocese

From New Westminster we pass to Kootenay, the youngest of the quartette of dioceses which now cover the vast field over which Bishop Hills was called to preside single-handed. Kootenay has been described as the

Selkirks, with Okanagan Lake, Kicking Horse Pass, and Albert Canyon, attract year by year an increasing number of tourists. The material wealth of the diocese too is colossal. The cattle ranches of the Nicola Valley, the fruit ranches of Vernon, Summerland and Peachland; the mills of Cranbrook and the coke ovens of Fernie; the gold mines of Rossland and the coal mines of Michel, the smelters of Trail and Grand Forks, with the enormous pastoral and agricultural wealth of the smiling Boundary country—assure to this magnificent diocese at no distant time a vast and wealthy population, where church life should find one of its strongest centres anywhere in Canada.

The crying need of the diocese of Kootenay at the present time is a bishop of its own, for until the needful sum required, £10,000, for the endowment of the bishopric is secured, it remains under the oversight of the Bishop of New Westminster. Vigorous efforts have been going on for some time past, especially in England, for the attainment of this end, and at the present moment barely £3,500 remain still to be collected.

Diocese of Caledonia

From the fastnesses of the Rockies and the Selkirks we pass away northward to the immense diocese of Caledonia, which will always be associated with the name of Bishop Ridley. In its physical features, the diocese of Caledonia is largely a reproduction of that of New Westminster, with its indented coast, its excellent harbors, its heavily-timbered valleys and hillsides, and its glorious scenery. Up to the present time, the bulk of the church's

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The wound was attended to by
Ernest Hall, who ordered the lad
to the hospital. Young Smith
be about again in a short time.

FOR FRIDAY MANY SPECIAL LINES

If the coming Sunday is anything like last Sunday was, you will probably want a number of new things to feel perfectly comfortable. Among our new Spring arrivals we have many special lines that are values somewhat better than usual. By taking advantage of the opportunities these specials offer, you can save—and a dollar saved is a dollar earned. We call particular attention to our opening display of footwear, today being the second day of the showing.

SPENCER'S BIG SPRING SHOE EXHIBIT — THE SECOND DAY'S SHOWING

An important item in the Spring outfit is Shoes. This was evidenced by the large number of admiring and critical patrons who visited our Shoe Department yesterday. The consensus of opinion is that our Spring Shoe exhibit excels anything ever shown before on this coast. In making our selection, care was taken to choose lines, which while particularly adapted for local wear are still strictly correct. In fact, the latest fashions right up to the minute. We cordially invite your inspection. In our yesterday's Ad we specially mentioned our higher priced lines. Today we call your attention to a few medium priced lines of good, sound, serviceable Footwear. While prices are low, value standard is high, and styles good.



LADIES' BOOTS—The Piccadilly. Smart, dressy, patent colt, Blucher cut boot, medium weight, "Queen Quality" . . . **\$4.00**
LADIES' BOOTS—The Darby. An exceedingly neat Blucher cut boot, made of soft vici kid, with patent tips. A boot that will give good service . . . **\$4.00**
LADIES' OXFORDS—The Piccadilly. An At quality patent colt, Blucher Oxford, Goodyear welt soles, Queen Quality **\$4.00**
LADIES' SHOES—6th Avenue. A superior shoe and decidedly smart, yet neat. First quality, vici kid, patent tip, turn soles, ribbon laces. Queen Quality . . . **\$4.00**
LADIES' SHOES—Gibson and sailor ties, flexible, McKays and turn soles, in all leathers, black, tan, chocolate and ox-blood. American manufacture . . . **\$3.00**
MEN'S BOOTS—Patent colt, Blucher cut boots, smart medium toes, new half wing toe caps . . . **\$4.00**
MEN'S OXFORD SHOES—Dongola kid, sewn extension soles. An excellent shoe for light wear at a low price . . . **\$1.75**

MEN'S OXFORD SHOES—A full range of smart stylish shoes, black and tan, vici kid and patent leather, ox-blood and Russian calf. Up from . . . **\$3.50**
BOYS' AND YOUTHS' BOOTS—Good, solid Canadian buff laced boots—
 Sizes 11 to 13 . . . **\$1.25**
 Sizes 1 to 5 . . . **\$1.50**
 Men's sizes . . . **\$1.75**
BOYS' AND YOUTHS' BOOTS—Good quality, box calf and vici kid, Blucher boots, sewed soles—
 Sizes 8 to 10½ . . . **\$1.75**
 Sizes 11 to 13, \$2.00 and . . . **\$2.50**
 Sizes 1 to 5, \$2.25 and . . . **\$2.75**

Friday Specials at \$1.50
 Ladies' Dongola Kid, Blucher Oxfords—Patent tips, hand turned soles, Cuban heels. A light spring shoe . . . **\$1.50**
 Ladies' Vici Kid Oxford—Stout single soles, McKay sewed, Cuban heels, **\$1.50**

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 Sizes 8 to 10½ . . . **\$1.50**
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INFANTS' BOOTS—Good quality Blucher or button boots and slippers for infants, in black, tan, red or patent leather—
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Children's Dresses That are Good Value

Washing Dresses for children at prices that make it a waste of time to bother making them up yourself. These are a few lines picked up at random.

CHILDREN'S ROMPERS—Made of medium and dark blue cambric, with white spots, sizes 2, 3 and 4 years. Price **65c**
CHILDREN'S DRESSES—In blue and white, red and white, checked material, yoke of darker color, trimmed with Swiss embroidery, three-quarter sleeves, sizes 1, 2 and 3 years. Price . . . **95c**
CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Buster style, in blue and white, red and white stripes, low neck, finished with bands of white and colored buttons, sizes 2, 4 and 6 years. Price **\$1.00**
CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Buster style, with bloomers. These are made of dark blue cambric, with white spots, and are neatly trimmed with red, size 3, 4, 5 and 6 years. Price **\$1.75**
CHILDREN'S DRESSES—Blue material with white spots, Peter Pan collar and sailor bow of white, three-quarter sleeve with white turnover cuff, nice full skirt, pleated at waist, sizes 8, 10, 14 and 16 years. Price . . . **\$1.75**

Muslin Waists at Special Prices

Friday Sale of Waists at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

A special assortment of Waists of all kinds in muslins and such materials on sale for Friday. The styles are both tailored and lingerie, and a good assortment of patterns are here for you to select from. Plain and figured muslins are shown and the styles are all pretty. Some have long sleeves and some short sleeves. The values are unusually good and make it worth your while to buy now.

Fifteen Styles of Muslin Waists. Friday, Choice at . . . **\$1.00**
 Eighteen Styles of Muslin Waists. Friday, Choice at . . . **\$1.25**
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ALL-SILK RIBBON, with pretty floral designs in middle and two-tone edges in browns, rose, alic, green and navy, 6 inches wide **85c**
ALL-SILK RIBBONS, small check designs, with self color, inch wide edge in pretty shades of sky, Alice, Copenhagen, brown and navy, 7 inches wide **90c**

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THE ANGEL, by Thorn. Price **\$1.25**
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Friday Items in the Men's Store

New Goods. All kinds of wearing apparel for Spring are here for you, and at prices sure to appeal to you. We can supply your every clothing want and at prices that will surprise you.

MEN'S SUITS—Everything new and nobby for spring and summer is now being shown. Smart, well tailored, attractive suits that range in price from \$25.00 to . . . **\$7.50**
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BOYS' CAPS AND TAMS—In patent leather and velvet cord. Prices from 50c. to **\$1.00**
BOYS' LEATHER MOTOR caps, in brown and black. Price **\$1.00**
MEN'S HATS—In stiff and crush styles, all the newest shades and shapes. The best hats you ever saw for the price. Special . . . **\$2.50**
MEN'S CAPS—In the new motor shapes, in leather and tweeds. Prices from 25c to **\$2.50**

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MEN'S PRINT SHIRTS—In pretty fancy stripes, blue and white, black and white, blue and black, blue and red, blue and green, black and red and other shades, besides some neat checks, all sizes from 14 to 16½ inclusive. Special Friday **50c**
MEN'S COAT SWEATERS—In grey wool trimmed with blue, warm and serviceable. Special **\$1.25**
BOYS' COAT SWEATERS—In knitted wool, fancy stitch, grey trimmed with green and red. Special **\$1.25**
BOYS' KNITTED COAT SWEATERS—Elastic ribbed, blue trimmed with red facings. Special **75c**
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WIRE GARMENT HANGERS. Special Friday **5c**
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OLD EARTHEN TEA POTS, assorted sizes. Special Friday **10c**
FLUE STOPS, assorted decorations. Special Friday . . . **10c**
TIN DISH PANS, three sizes. Ten qts. Special Friday . . . **20c**
 Fourteen quarts. Special Friday **25c**
 Twenty quarts. Special Friday **35c**
TIN SAUCE PANS, with lip and round handle. Six sizes. Special Friday at, 30c, 25c, 20c, 15c and . . . **10c**
TIN TEA KETTLES, two quart size. Special Friday . . . **25c**
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Public Meetings to Be
Throughout Country
More Battleships

London, March 20.—The dramatic confession of the cabinet minister the recent debate in the House of Commons that Great Britain has stolen a march on this try by so expediting the construction of Dreadnoughts that Great Britain will have little if any margin number of new battleships in 1909 has been followed by something a panic throughout the United Kingdom. Even the so-called "Week" during the Boer war furnished a precedent to the present, and there is no doubt that Premier Asquith at this time the nation a chance to voice its opinion at the polls on the situation with the supremacy of the British threatened, there would be little of the present Radical party Commons.

The direct vote of censure which J. Balfour, leader of the opposition will bring the issue whether four or eight Dreadnoughts should be definitely included in the year's naval programme, before parliament, although there is a chance that the national outcry caused Premier Asquith to yield give definite assurance that phantom Dreadnoughts will be down this year, in addition to the provided for in the estimates, promise all the adherents of a big navy, and they have planned a campaign over the length and breadth of the country in support of it.

The navy league, which present particular party, is in the front movement. At an emergency meeting today, when Lord Elich, president of the league decided to enter immediately upon "a great campaign to arouse people to the urgency and gravity of the problem confronting the nation."

There is no necessity for any action for this direction in the big navy, but the big league is arranging meetings at every market place, more remote country towns and villages. This movement has the port of the most influential people of the country, and plenty of funds promised.

The league insists that the minimum of Dreadnoughts in 1909-10 must be eight, claiming that nothing less suffice to maintain Great Britain's naval supremacy. The newspaper ever since Tuesday's debate have filled with lurid pictures of the German peril. Every retired admiral in the Kingdom has been utilizing the forgotten breezy language of the quarter deck in condemning blundering lords of the admiralty.

A great meeting of the business of London is being arranged by Lord Mayor to be held in the Mansion House, and the chambers of some in the provinces are not a whit behind in their demands that the "little policy" shall be buried beyond the of resurrection and that immediate steps shall be taken to deal with national crisis."

COAL STRIKE LIKELY

Many Delegates to Scranton Convention instructed to vote for Tie-Up of Mines

Shamokin, Pa., March 20.—The election of 200 delegates from the unions of the United Mine Workers of America to the Scranton convention next Tuesday was reported district headquarters here tonight of these about fifty per cent are to have been instructed to vote a general tie-up unless the operators grant concessions. About ten per cent it is said, are instructed to vote against a strike.

Mahanoy City, Pa., March 20.—Following that a strike or suspension inevitable after April first in the three coal fields, scores of thousands of mine workers are leaving this morning for Europe to spend the summer. It is a repetition of the exodus of when more than 2,500 left this for their native countries.

board members of the miners' report large accessions to the organization as a result of nightly meetings held during the past week.

Civil Service Salaries
Ottawa, March 19.—A deputation members of parliament, including Hon. Messrs. Fisher, Brodeur, Lemieux this morning to urge claims of the outside civil service an increase in the scale of pay and a general revision of salaries. Consideration was promised.

Russian Empire Ill
Berlin, March 20.—The Kreuzung states on the authority of a "reliable" personage, who was received in audience by Emperor Nicholas, that the Emperor expressed considerable apprehension regarding the condition of the Russian Majesty has been unable to visit. In explanation of the present condition of the Emperor since the accident to the Imperia in Finnish waters, Her Majesty suffered greatly from nervousness had been unable to regain her composure.