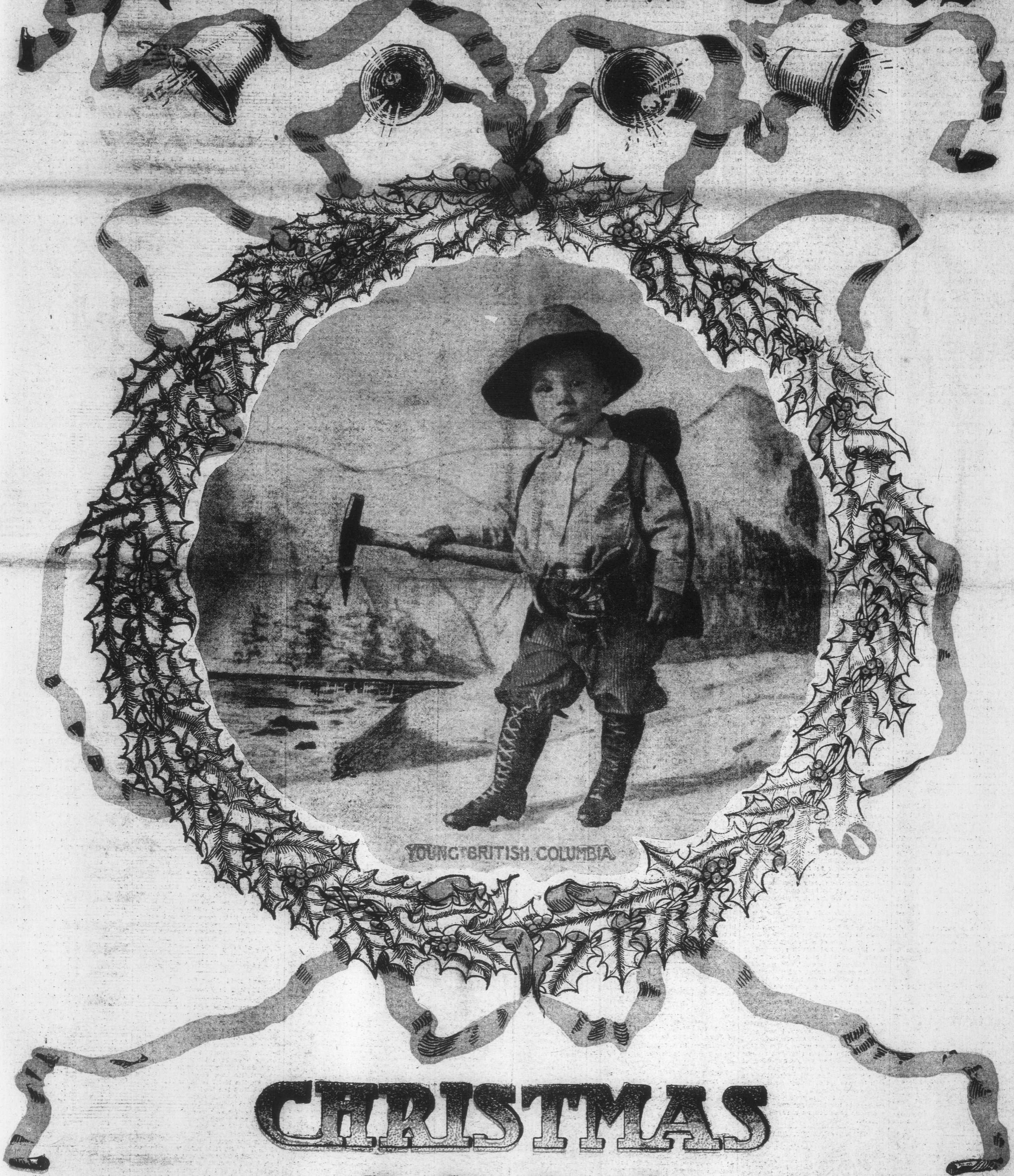


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British Columbia Woods, and Their Treatment in the Interior Decoration of Victoria Homes.

Photos from Residence of D. H. Bale, Builder and Contractor, Elford Street, From His Own Designs.

In view of the growth of the city residentially, the pictures presented on this page will be found of greatest interest to all who contemplate erecting a home. They are supplied by D. H. Bale,

and varied results that may be attained from them. In order to illustrate the many possibilities along this line an up-to-date bungalow is shown complete, it being

and convenient houses ever erected in British Columbia, as it is one of the most artistically arranged and finished houses in the city. Discussing the many advantages of

foundation with large cement columns running up to the second floor. The front portion of the building is cement blocked and the back is finished in woodwork. As a background in the gables are colored cement panels. The apex is finished with shingles. Under the house is a basement eight feet in height which has every convenience. There is a cement floor, soap stone laundry tubs and gas heating appliances.

The area covered by the house is 30 by 64 feet, and a large piazza is situated in front. This has been so arranged as to admit of big openings between the different columns and these may be closed in with awnings. Hammocks can be swung in almost any direction, while the spaciousness of the piazza makes it possible for holding afternoon teas, card parties, etc., the ladies deeming the quarters the most congenial at times in the whole house.

Before referring to the interior arrangements some space might be devoted to the surroundings. First of all a field stone wall encloses the front portion of the lot. Broad cement walks lead to the different entrances, to the basement and to one of the most essential features of outside arrangements, namely, a cement ash bin which is built into the lawn. This is not only useful as a matter of convenience but is a perfect safeguard against fire. The whole lot is laid off in a lawn, flower beds and shrubbery being worked in advantageously wherever the general design permits. The entrance is approached by means of an iron gate and broad cement steps takes one up to the piazza.

Still another little detail to which attention is seldom paid is that of a sand box for the children. This is filled with beach sand and is intended for the little folks to play in. There is a cement curbing around which keeps the sand off from the lawn. It is almost impossible to realize the enjoyment which the children get out of this innovation and the idea has but to be seen when the happy youngsters are in a frolic to realize its importance for healthfulness and amusement.

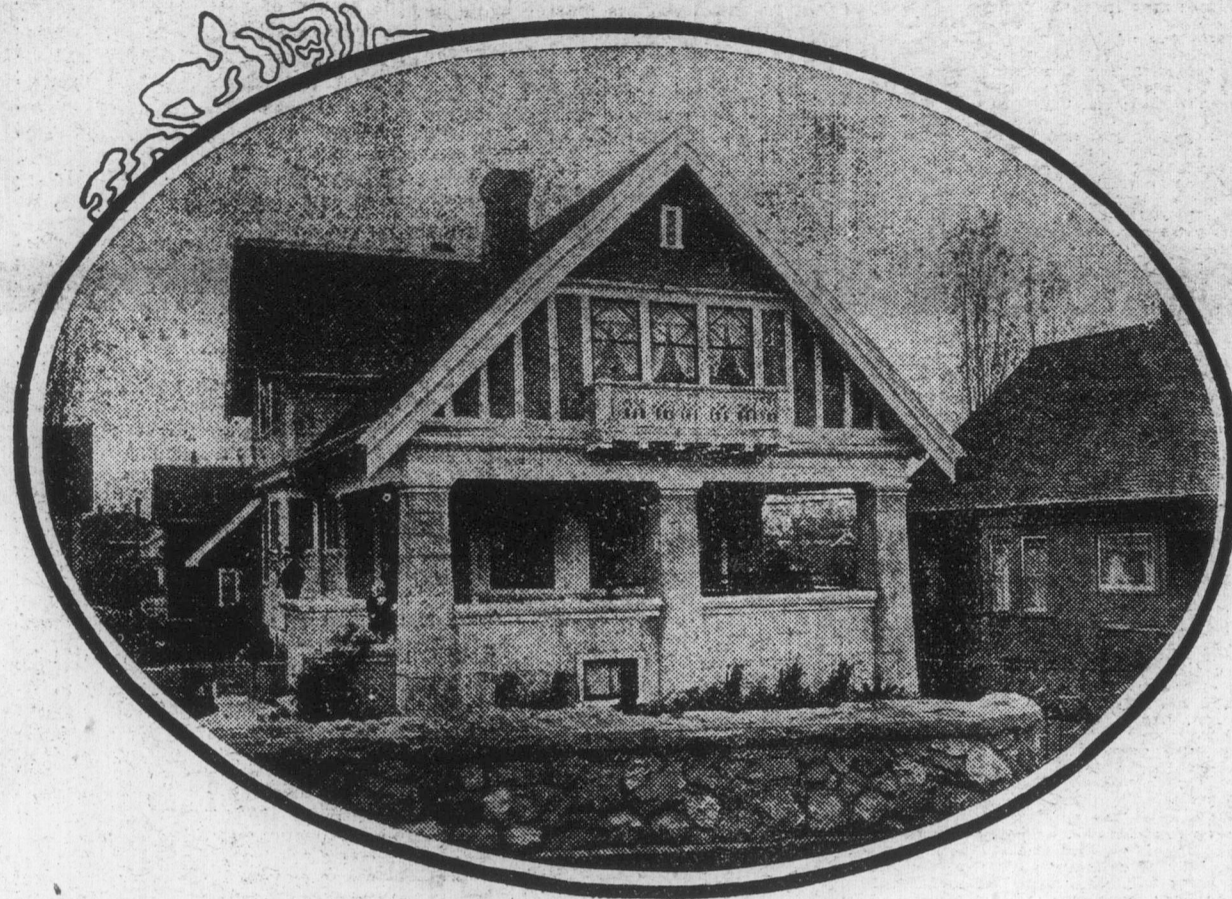


Den and Nursery.

is by no means spoiled by being too cramped or lacking in that required degree of spaciousness that is always needed to give stateliness to the whole. The old Dutch design which so strongly commends itself to those who love the quiet, the practical and the comfortable has been followed in the breakfast room. The finish is in light

pictures which grace the wall may be mentioned as they will be recognized from the views published. There are "Old King Cole and His Three Fiddlers," "Humpty-Dumpty Sat on the Wall," and "Humpty Dumpty Fell Off the Wall," "Whittington and His Cat," and "The Tower of London." "Little Boe Peep," "Red Riding Hood and

floor and the ceiling is painted a baby blue. The bathroom has a very broad rim with nickel belt fittings. The pedestal basin also has a broad apron. Both are white enamel while the other fixtures are of nickel. All in all the home is one of the most charming and beautiful in Victoria and it could be copied with advantage by



Residence of D. H. Bale, Contractor, Elford Street.

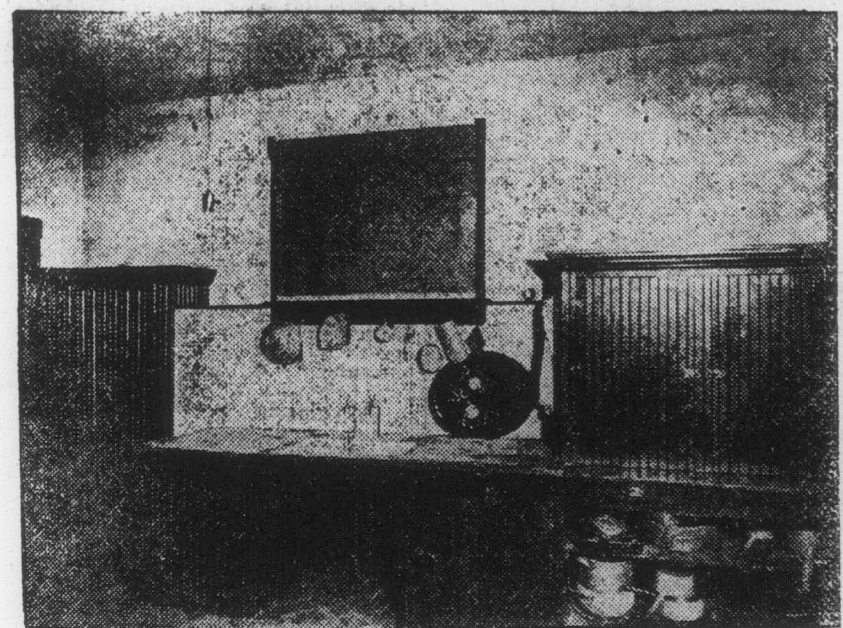
Bale, one of the most progressive and successful builders in Victoria, whose work in the past few years stands in evidence of the modern ideas and artistic taste which he possesses. The views will further show the many ingenious purposes to which native woods may be applied and the very handsome

one which Mr. Bale has built for himself on Elford street. This structure as also the interior arrangements, are all the work of Mr. Bale both in the matter of designing and execution, and certainly show a handicraft second to none. Needless to say the pretty little dwelling is one of the most compact

the use of native fir for building purposes. Mr. Bale says that this wood cannot be beaten even by the oak for finishing purposes, if given the proper treatment. But to get the best results the wood should first be steamed, then kiln dried and properly cleaned and polished. Then Mander's water stain



Dining Room and Breakfast Room and Conservatory.

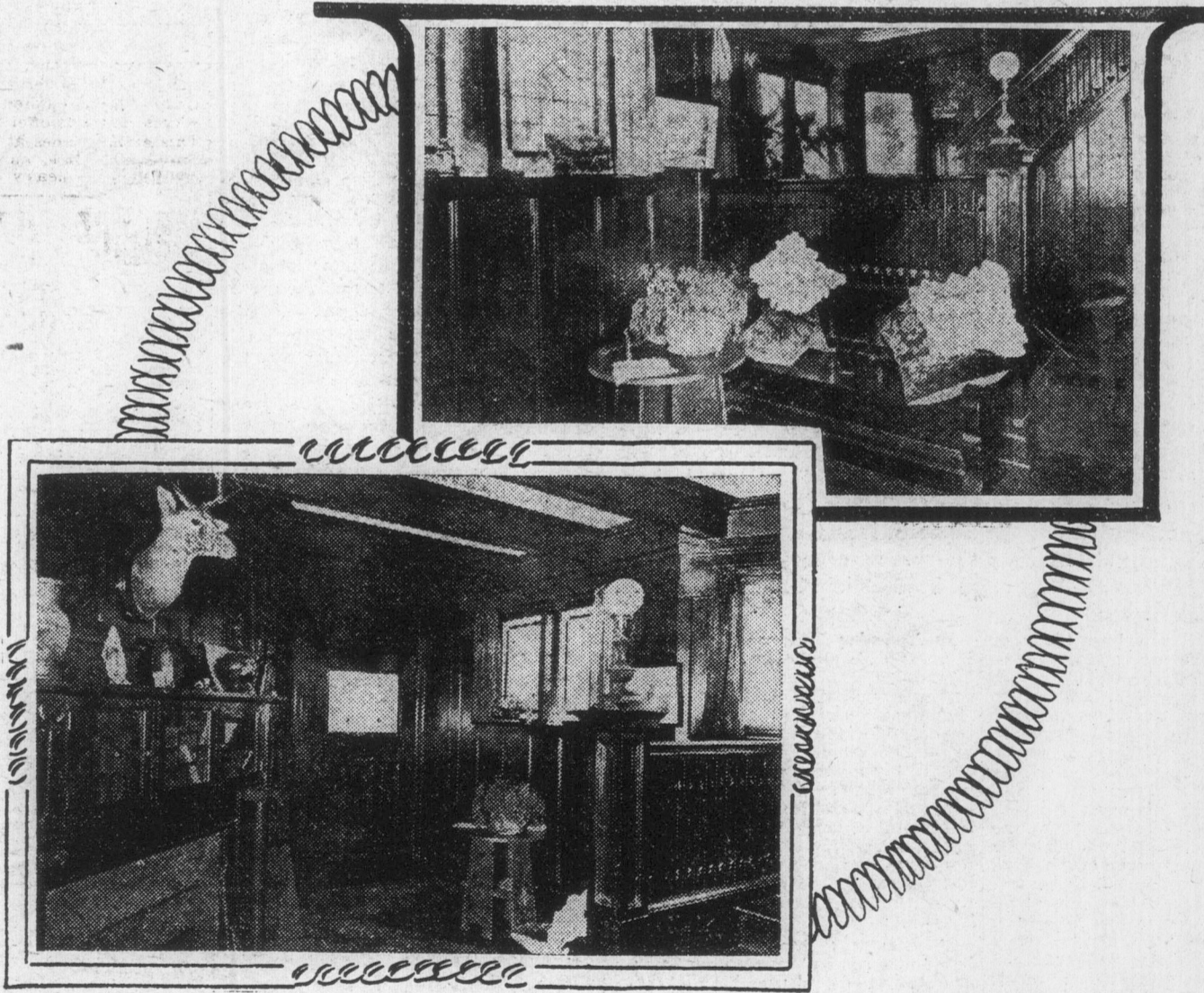


Kitchen.

should be applied, this application to be followed by a coat of shellac, and later by four coats of varnish. Each of these coats should have ample time for drying and should be then rubbed. In the final rubbing a great deal of care should be used and the work should be done with oil and pumice stone. If all these things are adhered to the result should be a finish almost equal to that of a piano.

In the residence of Mr. Bale all the finishing has been done after this manner, and it has been the general comment of all who have seen it that they have never seen its equal. Mr. Bale has had mill men in the house who would not believe that the native fir could be so converted. The processes employed while not of Mr. Bale's own invention are comparatively new to builders, at least the methods of treatment as outlined are not carried out to the same extent by others.

For the benefit of those who might wish to emulate Mr. Bale it might be stated that the bungalow which is here shown is built on a stone and cement



Staircase and Hall and Main Entrance.

Coming now to the matter of interior decoration and design the drawing room might be first described. It is finished in Flemish oak and has sand finished walls and cement beamed ceiling and cornices. The walls are tinted a pale yellow, shaded to a delicate green in the ceiling, while the wall fixtures are beautifully designed in old brass corresponding to the general plan of the room. The dining room is large and handsome in its ornate attractiveness. It is finished in a dark golden oak with paneled walls and heavy beam ceilings. Wrought iron electric fixtures are suspended from the beams by wrought iron chains, and seen in perfect harmony with the surroundings. In the outside wall a handsome sideboard is built with art glass over the top and clear lead work in the doors and sealskins in the panels.

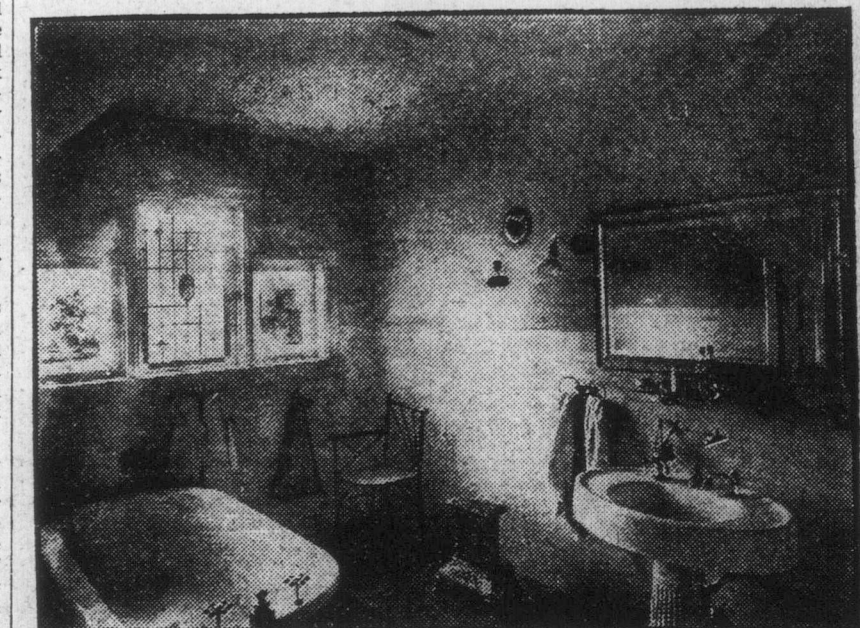
The use of sealskins in such a manner is an entirely new departure, the idea having never been attempted in this city before. The hair skin is what is used as it lends itself to a more artistic effect under the circumstances than could be realized from the fur. It might be stated in this connection that the hair seal is what is regarded as a native of the coastal waters of this island and are frequently seen in bays and inlets surrounding the city. The windows in the dining room have entire leadwork-casements. The tiles of the fireplace are dark red of a Dutch design. There is a bronze fireplace and the mantle is of the Mission type. The bookcases, like the sideboard, are built in the wall and with these necessary but usually bulky conveniences out of the way the comfort of the room

weathered oak, the wainscoting in dark wine-colored Fabrik No. 1 and the walls in two shades of terra cotta, the ceiling being a rich cream. The beams. There is a plate shelf running around the walls and between the beams are panels on which appear hand paintings of clusters of fruits of various kinds. The conservatory opens off this room and the effect suggests cheerfulness. The reception hall is finished in paneled walls and beamed ceiling of dark weathered oak. There is a fireplace, mantle, bookcase and terra cotta tiles, also art lead work manufactured by Mr. Fox of the Victoria Glass Works. The main stairway off the hall, it will be observed, is elaborately finished. The woodwork is polished to a piano gloss and the floors throughout are in antique oak and polished. The end of the kitchen, which is shown, has an enamelled sink with tiling at the back and sides, a dresser and cupboard.

The den is on the second floor and is in Mission style, the walls being green burlap, paneled with gold mouldings. There is a plate shelf at the top and the ceiling is finished in a rich cream color. A gas grate is built into the room.

The nursery is a large airy department with the walls and ceiling tinted into two shades of green. The lower parts of the walls it will be seen have "Mother Goose" pictures, which were painted by Paul Beyrau. Chests of drawers are built into the walls for the children, also cupboards for the storage of their toys, this being calculated primarily for the purpose of teaching them tidiness. Some of the

those who as stated seek to build a residence for themselves in this city. The cost of the bungalow can hardly be given because Mr. Bale being a contractor has done a good deal of the work personally and his painstaking efforts can only be rewarded by the pleasure which he and his family must take out of the cosy home.



Bathroom.

STEAMER QUADRA PATROL WEST COAST

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Instructions have been sent to Capt. Gaudin to cause the steamer Quadra to patrol the West Coast of Vancouver Island for the protection of life during the next month or two, when storms are frequent.

A CRISIS.

If the resignation of Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works in the McBride government, had been announced several months ago it would have been received as a matter of course and as the inevitable result of the revelations connected with the peculiar manner in which the townsite of Prince Rupert was transferred from the province to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company.

It is not at all probable the Premier will dare to bring on two by-elections in the face of the state of demoralization the retirement of the Chief Commissioner will create in his forces.

The resignation of Mr. Green creates a second vacancy in the cabinet. The portfolio lately held by Mr. Wilson as Attorney-General has not been delivered into the hands of a new administrator.

A LAZY LIVER

May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as a savage thing to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work. So in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs.

Symptoms. If you have bitter or bad taste in the morning, poor or variable appetite, coated tongue, foul breath, constipated or irregular bowels, feel weak, easily tired, depressed, frequent headaches, pain or distress in "small of back," gnawing or distressed feeling in stomach, perhaps nausea, bitter or sour "risings" in throat after eating, and kindred symptoms of weak stomach and torpid liver, the "Golden Medical Discovery" regularly and in strict accordance with its directions will relieve you more promptly or cure you more permanently than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says of Golden Seal root: "It is a most superior remedy in catarrhal gastritis (inflammation of the stomach), chronic constipation, general debility, in convalescence from protracted fevers, in prostrating night-sweats. It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb."

Dr. Grover Coe, of New York, says: "Hydrastis (Golden Seal root) exercises an especial influence over mucous surfaces. Upon the liver it acts with equal certainty and efficacy. As a cholagogue (liver invigorator) it has few equals."

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W. A. JAMESON, Secretary. 71 Ford Street.

23rd to 26th Jan. 1907

Christmas Day, the holiday that is more generally celebrated than any festival of the year, and which is approached also in a very different spirit from any of the other festivals in the calendars of nations...

The Times will not be issued to-morrow, because, like all Christendom, we shall rest from our labors, and we take this opportunity of wishing our readers and all the people of this farthest West, the twentieth century Land of Promise, a very Merry Christmas!

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LUMPKIN'S CHRISTMAS EVE

'Twas the week before Christmas, on Kallaboo Road
And each joyful rancher from Ashville to Hance
Looked forward to 'doings' at Lumpkin's abode
In the way of a supper, a Tree and a Dance...



QUEEN'S ACADEMY.

Tolls of Honor in Connection With This School's Work During Past Term.
Queen's Academy closed for the holidays on Thursday. The exercises were short, but of a most practical character...

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

List of Those Who Will Receive Certificates of Qualification—Number Granted Discharges.
The following regimental orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment...

ENLARGING BOUNDARY FALLS SMELTER

Supply of Coke at Trail is Increasing—The Ore Shipments From Rossiand.
Rossland, B. C., Dec. 22.—The supply of coke is increasing at Trail and during the week another copper furnace was blown in, making three in operation...

THE VATICAN AND SEPARATION LAW

PROTEST AGAINST ACTION OF FRENCH CABINET.
Papal Secretary Requests Ministers to Communicate Note to Their Respective Governments.
Rome, 21.—The following is a detailed summary of the note issued by the Vatican as a protest against the course of the French government...

SCHOOL CLOSING THE ORDER TO-DAY

HILDREN GIVEN TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY.
Prof. Haynes' Orchestra.
Closing exercises are the order of the day in all the city schools to-day. The dispersing of the children for their two weeks' holiday was made the occasion at the Girl's Central of an interesting event...

RUSSIAN COUNT SLAIN BY TERRORIST

Assassin Fired Six Bullets Into Body of Ex-Governor General—Arrested By Police.
Tver, Russia, Dec. 23.—Count Alexis Ignatieff, a member of the Council of the Empire and ex-Governor-General of Kiev, Volhynia and Podolia, was shot and killed by an unknown man here to-night in the refreshment room of the hall occupied by the Nobles' Assembly...

THE TRANSFER OF HALIFAX DOCKYARD

(Special to the Times.)
Captain Spain will leave for Halifax on Sunday to take over Halifax dockyard from the Imperial authorities on January 1st.
At noon on New Year's Day the officers and crew of the government cruiser Canada will come ashore and occupy the main barracks. The Canadian ensign will be floated over the dock yard whenever it is taken over...

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THE ENTOMBED MINER.

Rescuers Still at Work and Hicks Will Probably Be Released To-Day.
Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 22.—"Hicks will be rescued," had become a commonplace remark last night. A number of crevices have been brought to view which lead directly to Hicks. Not only is conversation possible through these crevices, but it was found that small articles could be lowered by means of a string through the cracks to the captive miner. A lighted candle was dropped to Hicks, and he was by the reflection from its glare able to survey the scenes of his earth enclosure. He reported that the sudden introduction of the light did not affect his eyes, that indeed he would be willing to sacrifice one eye just to get the sight of the precious rays of the sun. The crevices disclose the fact that the company engineers have been correct in their calculations. The candle was dropped on a string eighteen inches long, and it struck plumb at the side of the ore car, proving exactly where Assistant Engineer Hall and his assistants planned to arrive. It is hoped to release Hicks to-day.

CHURCH UNION.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The secretaries of the joint committee on church union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, have prepared their report of the proceedings of the meeting of the committee, which was held in this city on December 15th, 18th and 19th. Of 154 members 110 were in attendance, 38 Presbyterians, 50 Methodists and 18 Congregationalists. The report includes the full text of the reports of sub-committees on church policy and ministers, which were both considerably changed from the form in which they were held out last year.

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honor could exercise their strings. The purchase of the park mentioned by the corporation entirely removes this disability; all that now remains necessary is the expenditure of a little money to place the race track in first class condition. This will most assuredly be forthcoming.

But, after all, the old Hudson's Bay park at Beacon Hill will always be the great open spot of Victoria. When Sir James Douglas, away back in 1852, set aside this land for public use, Victoria was a small hamlet. Since that time several attempts have been made to secure liberty to dispose of portions, but fortunately without success. To use a recent expression of a gentleman identified with the city since its beginning: "The alienation of a foot would be a crime against the public," and this correctly explains the attitude of a vast majority of residents.

There is no view on the Pacific coast, for variety of charm and beauty of detail equal to that from the top of Beacon Hill. On two sides the sea, with mountains apparently joined at

even on an autumn morning when the wind has blown in a mist from the sea this is one of the most pleasing places to watch the fog's gradual dissipation. As each white billow rolls away some new beauty is unfolded and, when the sun gains its inevitable mastery, each plot is truly a God's acre.

"England," is the proper word to describe the entrance by way of Park lane. It is there the sturdy oaks rise with entangled branches, twisted in every imaginable shape. This

Feature Is Unique

In all the parks of America. Though, by some unknown work of nature, the oaks here do not become the wide spreading trees of the old country, their decided difference in contour from all native born forest growths adds the charm of variety that brings out the beauties of each to perfection.

Then there is the British Columbia portion—nature unadorned. Probably this is most distinctive at the eastern end, near Clover Point. Walking west from the sea, to the left is seen—just

Hill to Oak Bay is one of the most beautiful drives in Canada. Shawinigan, Goldstream, Duncan, Cowichan and the nearby village of Esquimalt, with its famous harbor, all are attractive to visitors. The lagoon-like waterways among the islands from Sidney must be seen to secure due appreciation. Farther afield both the east and west coasts of Vancouver Island offer opportunities unsurpassed for those who wish a spice of the wilderness in touch with a centre of commerce.

But Victoria, however, is in every way the capital of outdoors. From January to December there is something to be done in the open. Football, golf, hockey, cricket, lacrosse, baseball, yachting, boating and swimming can generally be indulged in all the year round. Indoor pastimes are gradually forging their way ahead, this season having witnessed the advent of a new game, that of indoor baseball. Basketball and handball have for years received close measure of attention, the prowess of Victoria's young men has been shown by victory over expert

naturalised all over Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, and the year designated by proclamation. The present season has been somewhat disappointing on Vancouver Island, but still many fine class bags have rewarded enterprising hunters.

Of ducks, geese and swans there are many varieties. The mallard, old squaw, green-winged teal, butter-ball and black brant are very common, while occasionally whistler, harlequin, black scoter, white-winged scoter and other kinds are shot. Recently capercaillie and black game have been introduced from Copenhagen and, although some have not survived the abrupt change of climate, recent arrivals from the most competent authorities tend to show that they will eventually become as thoroughly acclimatized as the ring-tailed pheasants from China. By proclamation, a ten years' close season has been declared to protect these most recent arrivals.

The wapiti, or American elk, is now practically confined to Vancouver Island. At one time it was distributed over the entire portion of the mainland, but is now extinct there. It is still tolerably abundant through the interior of the island on the West Coast, in Comox district and to the northward. Only two other herds are known to exist in the province, in East Kootenay, and for the time being they are protected against hunters.

Deer Are Common

In fact too much so. Within a very few miles from Victoria they are considered almost a pest and, in the more remote districts, particularly along the West Coast, are found in profusion. Cougars and wolves are present in large numbers. The former, commonly known as a panther, can easily be obtained with a good dog almost anywhere on Vancouver Island, while wolves, generally the coyote, are plentiful in all localities not actually invaded by settlers.

Congenial society occupies a prominent place in attracting residents. This is one of the prominent features of Victoria. The people are generally cultivated—have a due appreciation of music and the arts. The younger generation, in particular, have been largely educated in scholastic centres of Europe and the East, and there is a rapidly growing feeling towards the higher things of life, as distinct from commercialism. Charming hostesses entertain in numerous beautiful homes and Victoria, as the capital of the province, is necessarily

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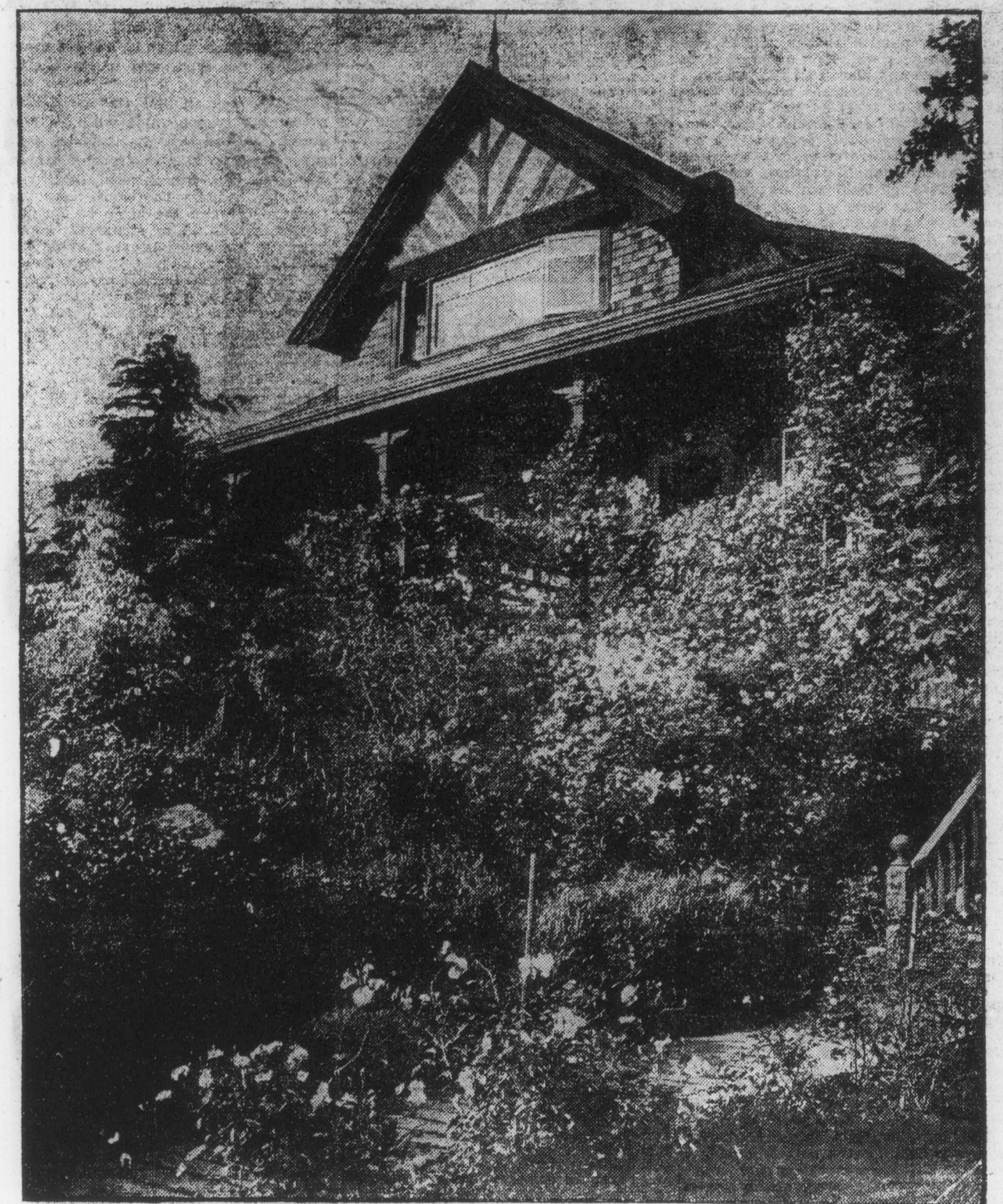
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right angles, obliterating the passage up the straits of San Juan de Fuca; on the north the broad green fields of the Fairfield estate become merged in the distance with the ridge upon whose summit are perched many of the city's finest residences, including Craigdarroch, that viewed from afar off appears like

A Sentinel Castle

on some Rheinish crag. To the west there is the city, with the parliament buildings in the foreground. Gradually rising from James Bay causeway, the new Empress hotel, the post office and many substantial business blocks accentuate the commercial solidity that has characterized Victoria for the past forty years.

Of the park itself a detailed description cannot be given here. Roughly

a few acres it is true, but still most distinctive—what a British Columbia forest is in its natural state. The straightly rising firs, cedars and balsams; the thick undergrowth; the glossy ferns, the trailing berry vines, all show to those unacquainted with the province something of the density of its timber. Beacon Hill itself needs no description. It is there for all to see, approaching either by sea or land. But around Empire Day this landmark is at its best. From the sea it is a mass of yellow. The broom is in full flower and obscures all other and less vivid colors. The ruins of the old battery are indistinctly outlined, with a few rotting timbers here and there. Near the base the cracked bell from Pekin, with its Oriental inscriptions, and the Burns fountain typify one the

competitors. And what of a barrier race on New Year's Day? For the sportsman Victoria is a Veritable Paradise.

Sea fishing can be indulged in at all seasons of the year. Salmon, bass and cod in many varieties are abundant in nearby waters. During the open months trout can be caught by those who wish to twirl the fly or spend a few hours trolling. Oyster and Cowichan rivers, Shawinigan lake and many other streams and lakes all over the island are open for this sport, and choice can be secured between the Dolly Varden, that sometimes reaches twenty pounds, the speckled beauty of a few ounces. There is a little dispute on as to whether the steelhead is a trout or salmon, but it is found in waters near Victoria in the greatest



SHOAL BAY AND OCEAN DRIVE, VICTORIA—THE GOLF LINKS AND OAK BAY SHOW IN THE DISTANCE.

breaking it may be divided into three parts. The approach from South Park street leads to what might be termed the cultivated portion. The artificial lake, with its bevels of water fowl; but it is the starting point for many other places equally blest by nature. For those who wish to

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there are roads that year after year attract more tourists. Built, in many instances, years ago by the Royal Engineers, they remain after many years of use almost perfect. Eighty miles and more the highway stretches to Nanaimo and thence to Alberni—nearly a hundred and fifty miles for unobstructed travelling. The two roads to Sooke—both east and west—suggest other pleasant outings. Even the city road itself, along the sea front from Beacon

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profusion. It has no equal in fresh water for gameness, and a stiff struggle with a fifteen pound steelhead will be held in pleasant memory by every follower of the gentle art.

Game birds are abundant within a few miles of Victoria. Two varieties of grouse are certainly native, the sooty and Oregon ruffed. Then there is the rock ptarmigan. It must be sought above the snow line, but its great beauty well repays the endeavor. Partridges, although not native, are yet very common. There are both mountain and California kinds, introduced from the state mentioned. They have become thoroughly acclimatized and now abound. Pheasants, brought from China some sixteen years ago, are now

—Photo by Fleming Bros.

Its Social Centre.

Though, at present, not of a population to warrant without guarantee the visits of noted figures in the world of song, drama and literature, inducements are constantly being held out that are generally successful in securing the best attractions that visit the Pacific coast. For both men and women of some leisure there are clubs and other associations for social intercourse and the promotion of courtesy. Victoria young men and women have gone forth and achieved success in many walks of life, particularly in the arts, music and drama. Some of them have returned with their laurels still fresh upon them, and are now among the most truly valued residents of the city. Upon extremely good authority it is stated the Archbishop's palace was acquired for a conservatory of music, and the same reports state that arrangements are well under way for the bringing out of artists of international reputation as instructors.

Education is essentially the training ground for entrance into society. Victoria, in this regard, holds a premier position in the northwest. In addition to an admirable public and high school system there are several private academies, for both male and female pupils, where greater attention is paid to classical studies than is possible in the schools under governmental control. The public educational institutions, nevertheless, can hold their own with any in Canada; the high places attained by pupils being conclusive evidence of this fact. Religious institutions of all kinds are already in the city. Every denomination has one or more churches, and, by and large, from the view point of congenial society Victoria offers at least equal attractions to any residential city on the continent.

From the foregoing statement of fact it can be seen that this city has the right to be termed the

"Los Angeles of Canada."

It has all to recommend it that the city to the south boasts of, while in many ways it offers superior inducements to the resident and visitor. In Victoria there is the variety inseparable from proximity to the ocean, while this advantage is not present in Los Angeles. There are also the added attractions of outdoor sport at all seasons of the year; a climate that is never oppressive through extreme heat; the bracingness of the ocean breeze; the variety of varied charm of vegetation only found, without discomfort, in the temperate zone. As a well known British authority has said:

"Apart from the mineral wealth of Vancouver Island, its climate, with every variation possible, becomes most attractive. Its seashore climate is milder than many parts of England, with less rain and less seasonal variations."

It is spoken of as England without its east winds, in reality it is Torquay in the Pacific; a mild and even winter with rain and occasional snow, an early spring, a dry and warm summer, and a bright and enjoyable autumn, where thunder-storms are seldom seen here, they can be heard in the interior, but are rarely experienced."

The commercial rise of Victoria and Vancouver Island generally is somewhat consonant with that of Los Angeles. It was the scenic beauty of the latter that attracted people from far away points first to reside and then to invest. This story is being repeated here. As stated in the opening of this article the old time residents of both cities were somewhat slow to recognize the abundant industrial and financial opportunities lying at their very doors. They were almost content, in most cases, with a life of idleness in elements that while attractive was perforce stagnating. Prophets are never honored in their own countries and those who, a few years ago predicted commercial possibilities in an open town and California kinds, introduced from the state mentioned. They have become thoroughly acclimatized and now abound. Pheasants, brought from China some sixteen years ago, are now

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on the Pacific coast. It was this that built the new Los Angeles; the city of the city, of industrial growth, marching side by side with the cultivation of the beautiful. Opportunity has long been knocking at the portals of Victoria—at last they are opened and commercial vitality has entered in. Backed by the resources of the island of the world with the greatest natural wealth, this city has shrankened off the cobwebs; risen like a giant refreshed after a period of somnolency and now stands squarely before the world as the only rival of Los Angeles—a city of beauty and unrivalled commercial advantages. The southern capital of California has had a long start but "watch Victoria grow."

A MOUNTAIN OF IRON ORE.

Greatest Mass the World Knows in the Erzberg in Styria.

The famous Erzberg is about ninety miles southwest of Vienna in the Austrian duchy of Styria. It is in the centre of the great iron mining region of Austria, and around it smelt many blast furnaces, all of them fed by the ore which this mountain supplies, for the Erzberg is a mass of solid iron ore more than 5,000 feet in height. The ore is extremely rich, and yields from 35 to 45 per cent. of pure iron.

There are a few similar masses of iron ore in the world, but not many. Near the City of Durango, in Mexico, is a small mountain of ore, and near the east coast of Queensland is a small island in the Duke group that is all iron ore, and it is estimated that it will yield a total of 2,500,000 tons.

Miners are cutting the ore out of the Erzberg at the rate of 5,000,000 pounds a year, and it is estimated that at this rate it will take the 1,000 years longer to dig the mountain entirely away. If this estimate is correct, there still remains in the Erzberg 2,000,000 tons of ore.

In Lapland, along the line of the Arctic railroad, between Gellivare and the Atlantic railway, is another mountain of iron ore, but it is smaller than the Erzberg, which is the largest solid mass of iron ore rising in the form of a mountain that has yet been discovered.

For centuries more or less mining has been carried on along this mountain slope, but it is only within fifty or sixty years that the work has been regularly prosecuted on a large scale. From 2,000 to 3,000 miners dig the terraces on the mountain side during the summer months, but for three months in winter work is the open air is entirely suspended, as the winds and snowstorms make the labor too severe and expensive, but the work still goes on in winter, for about 1,000 to 1,500 men are then engaged in underground, where they have dug deep into the solid mining along the sides of the mountain ore.

Thus the mountain is being gradually reduced by lowering its height, and the digging into its heart, and legions of men will keep at the work till the mountain has been mined off the surface of the earth and the vast quantities of iron it contained have been scattered far and wide in various forms of manufacture.—New York Sun.

It was stated at a meeting of the Dorset education committee that the school in the village of Foxwell is only attended by eight scholars.

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EXERCISES HELD IN CITY SCHOOLS

IN CONNECTION WITH CLOSING YESTERDAY

Presentation to Principal of North Ward School One of the Interesting Features.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Owing to the hour at which a number of the programmes were received it was impossible to mention more than a limited number of those given in connection with the closing of the city schools for the Christmas holidays yesterday.

- Leonard Tall, Esq., Principal of North Ward School. We, the assistant teachers of North Ward public school, desire to take advantage of the present occasion to express to you our deep appreciation of your executive ability as principal.

- Recitation—When Granny's Ship Comes. Recitation—What I Should Like. Recitation—Christmas Morning. Recitation—Who's Afraid in the Dark.

ason; recitation by Addie Bond, recitation by Thomas Smith, The Jolly Miller of the Dee, George Gibson; recitation by Claude Daley, Jack and Willie Campbell and Robert Johns; recitation by James Post, Choruses—Christmas, Merry Christmas.

Amongst those present at the closing exercises in connection with the Girls' Central school were the Bishop of Columbia, Rev. J. Stanley Ard, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Daugherty, Rev. H. Carson and Truce Riddell.

Miss Hart, the principal of the Spring Ridge school, was the recipient of a set of salt cellars and spoons presented by the pupils.

A large number of friends and parents of the children attended the closing exercises at Lampson street school.

After discussing for the third time the question of accepting or rejecting certain sub-division plans submitted to the city council yesterday afternoon came to a decision.

W. E. Oliver of the law firm of Oliver & Johnston, James Anderson, and C. Morley, of Morley & O'Reilly, were present at the meeting.

Twelve Recently Formed to Operate in Japanese and Korean Waters.

According to advices received by the steamer Tremont there has recently been a great increase in the number of whaling companies operating in Japanese and Korean waters.

The Hochi of Tokio has the following to say on the matter: Many of these companies have not yet commenced operations, nevertheless the number of whales captured since the year before last has totalled from 180 to 190, and one company of Kura took more than a hundred at one time.

BACK FROM PENITENT. President of the British Columbia Methodist Conference Has Returned Home.

Rev. S. J. Thompson, B. D. president of the British Columbia conference of the Methodist church, returned to the city to-day evening from Penitentiary, which was an important part in the dedication of the new Methodist church there.

RELIEF IN SIGHT. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—A letter to the President dated December 21, December 21, from Interior Commissioner Lane, says that the officials in the Northwest have promised relief for coal-burning distressed persons.

A bulletin issued by the United States Agricultural Department Thursday shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 2,278,488,397; winter wheat, 422,323,548; and other wheat, 43,173,692.

RAILWAY PLANNED FOR THE NORTH

TO TAP THE ALSEK MINING TERRITORY

Long List of Public Notices in This Week's Issue of Provincial Gazette.

(From Friday's Daily.) Provision is to be made for the providing of railway communication with the mining districts of the Yukon between Chilkat and the Alsek.

Notice is given that at the next session of the legislature Bodwell & Lawrence, for the purpose of the proposed railway, will apply for the incorporation of a company to construct a railway commencing at the valley of the Chilkat river at the international boundary line between Alaska and British Columbia.

The Patrick Lumber Company will also seek powers to place, construct and maintain a dam or dams, booms, locks, slides and other works across the Kootenay river at or near Thrums station.

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NEW RESIDENTIAL SECTION ON MARKET

SHOTBOLT'S HILL IS ATTRACTING BUYERS.

Some Important Purchases Reported in That Vicinity—Regillus Holdings Have Been Sold.

(From Friday's Daily.) Among the latest sections of the city to be opened up for residential purposes is that adjacent to Shotbolt's hill and overlooking Foul Bay.

ISADORE FELS INTERVIEWED. Great Vineyard Proprietor Praises Victoria Enterprise. Before leaving Victoria a Times reporter secured a few minutes' chat with Isadore Fels, the celebrated vineyard proprietor and dried fruit and wine merchant, who has been made by Edmonton home in the Mediterranean after a round the world trip.

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FRUIT ACREAGE and FRUIT HOMES In the Suburbs of Victoria.

By ROWLAND MACHIN

Late Inspector of Horticultural Board of California, and Former President of the Board of Horticulture of County Santa Barbara, Cal.

The time has arrived when the citizens of our fair Dominion must recognize that Vancouver Island has climatic conditions for ideal homes, and particularly the southern part, which is in close touch with Oriental and Occidental civilization.

The climate here is perfect for the production of this fruit in its grandest form, color, flavor and weight. No place on earth to-day produces anything to compare with it in any of these respects.

Grower B delivered from less than four acres of one, two and three year old vines, 28,126 pounds for which he obtained \$2,857, less 10 per cent. per acre for selling, or over \$700 per acre.



THE LUSCIOUS LOGAN BERRY IN FRUIT. —Photo by Fleming Bros.

After this a crop, or an average increase in value of \$285.50 on each acre planted in prunes.

Apples, 5 acres, 375 trees:

First year growth.....	\$ 125.00
Second year growth.....	250.00
Third year growth.....	375.00
Fourth year growth.....	400.00
Total.....	\$1,150.00

After this a crop, or an average increase in value of \$285.50 on each acre planted in prunes.

Apples, 5 acres, 375 trees:

First year growth.....	\$ 93.75
Second year growth.....	187.50
Third year growth.....	281.25
Fourth year growth.....	375.00
Total.....	\$967.50

After this a crop which will more than equal the average annual value of growth.

The above shows an average increase in value of \$284.25 per acre.

Totalling we find:

Gross increase on prunes.....	\$1,437.50
Gross increase on apples.....	1,171.75
Total.....	\$2,609.25

This represents the increase in actual value on ten acres in five years, or over \$260 per acre.

After this the whole ten acres as outlined would be producing cash income. Plums, cherries, peaches and all kinds of crabapples are equally at home on this favored Vancouver Island.

The roads radiating from this city are all well built—climate none better—no scorching summer heat—no mosquitoes, no blizzards—violet and primroses in the open border in the month of February, side by side with the lovely holly. We challenge the earth to equal these conditions.

On the boundaries I would plant berry bearing hollies, which is another of the beautiful trees in nature specially provided for in this highly favored climate. The only place in this Dominion and on the Pacific coast where the holly fruits to such perfection that our friends in Eastern Canada—who frequently receive holly from the old country accord us unreservedly the credit of producing the finest holly in the world.

In conclusion I may add for the benefit of our settlers that a special training is not necessary for the prosecution of this most interesting work.

Ordinary intelligence and its application will win out.

Books from responsible authors are cheap, and of the best.

All we need to do is to use our eyes and ears, cultivate good fellowship and the land. Nature will do the rest.

Planting an Orchard

By F. H. PULLEN.

"As the result of my experience of a number of years of fruit growing I should advise a beginner to discard all advice given by anyone other than one who has grown fruit commercially on this coast. The advice of agents who are taking orders for trees counts for nothing, neither does that of people from Old Ontario, where the conditions are quite different from those obtaining here," said a prominent and successful man who has been in the business for years.

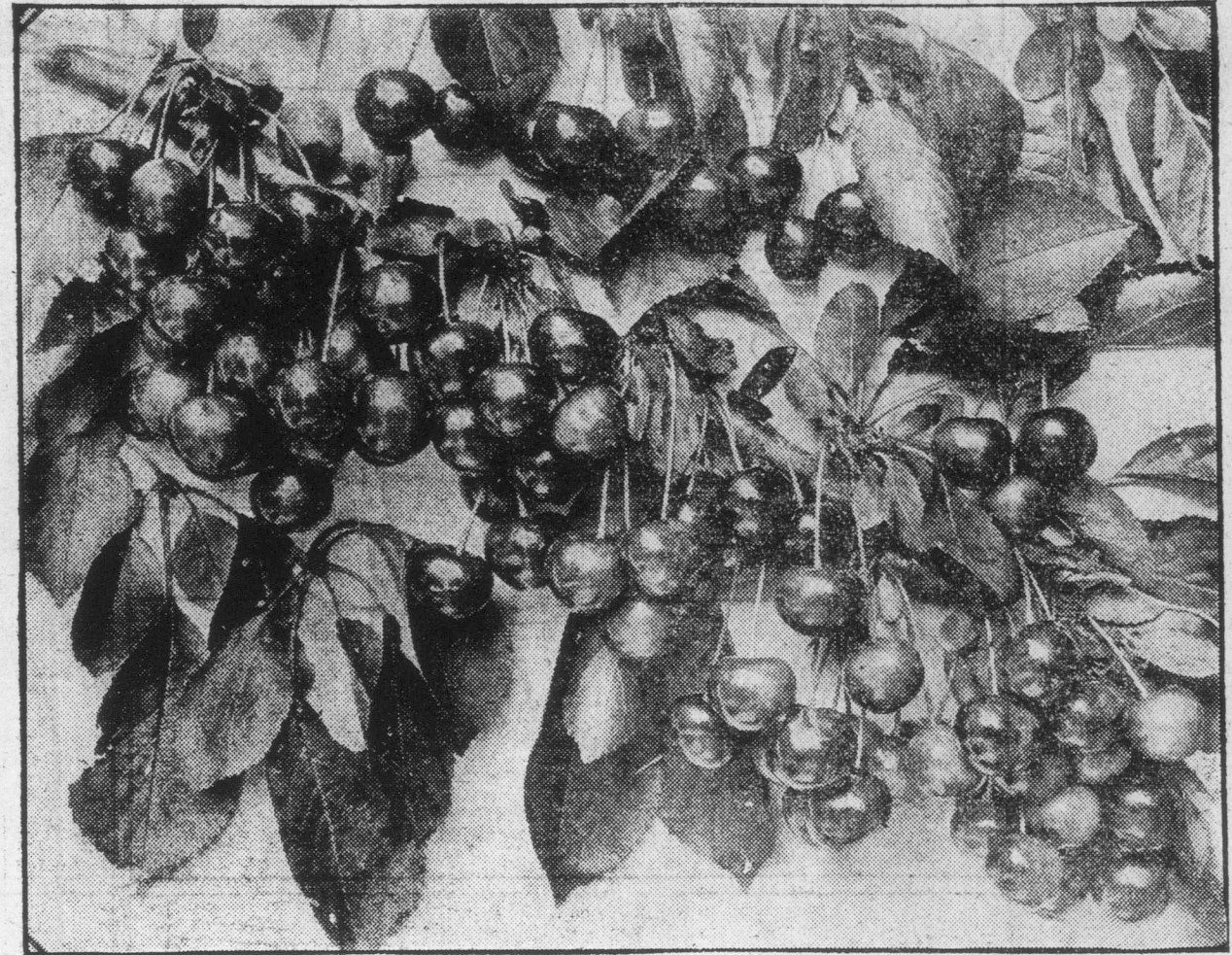
"Because an apple tree, for example, takes first prize in England or at any of the Eastern shows does not mean that it could be made a success here. Much of the fruit shown in England is grown in Upper British Columbia,

house I would, if going into the business anew to-morrow, plant in the following quantities: Wealthy apples, 400 trees; Hyslop crabs, 100 trees; Bartlett pears, 300 trees; cherries, 200 trees; Italian prunes, 100 trees; Grand Duke plums, 100 trees; Englebert plums, 100 trees; total, 1,300 trees.

"If near a city or suitable market I would plant small fruits between the rows of trees. For this purpose I recommend Lagoon strawberries, 2 acres; raspberries, 2 acres; Loganberries, 1 acre; red currants, half acre; Champion gooseberries, half acre; Victoria rhubarb, 1 acre. The remainder of the unplanted land might go to potatoes, as potato land is good

may do all the work except during the picking season. With small fruits the expense of picking is rather high, but apples, peaches and plums do not cost much in that line."

From the above it will easily be seen that fruit growing stands well ahead of every other occupation in British Columbia. Those who have gone into the business with a desire to learn and with a determination to succeed have made money, and there have been few failures in spite of the fact that so much experimental work had to be done. The person who commences now has a great advantage over his predecessors, as he will profit by their ex-



VICTORIA CHERRIES—THE FINEST IN THE WORLD. —Photo by Fleming Bros.

where the conditions are very favorable for winter fruits. Here on the coast the summer and early fall varieties are the correct thing commercially. The winter fruit may be grown and with a large measure of success, but it cannot compete with that from the Okanagan and other up country points, where there is water for irrigation. Summer apples do not require irrigation, and the market for the early fruit is equally as good as for the later kinds, and there is no second handling or storing to be done.

"In choosing a location be sure that it is sheltered from prevailing winds, and not in a swamp. Fruit is apt to become injured or blown off the trees if too much exposed. The blossoms too are sometimes injured before they are fertilized. Swamp lands are apt to be much colder than those that are high and dry, and therefore the fruit is liable to be affected by early frosts. If the lands are high, well drained and planted with proper varieties, there is never any danger of frost injuring the blossoms.

"For soil, a good black or red loam fairly deep with a clay subsoil to hold the moisture, is the ideal thing. While the black loam is usually richer, the red soil gives apples a better color.

"There is a double purpose in draining. One is to carry off surplus water and the other to ventilate the soil. If the land is level the drains may be placed regularly sufficiently close together to carry off all stagnant water quickly. Often, however, the drainage depends on the slopes and hollows. Anything from 20 to 50 feet apart may do, according to the land.

"If the land is new it is well to grow a crop or two of grain or potatoes in order to get the soil thoroughly pulverized. Subsoil plowing is also an advantage, as land so treated holds the moisture more readily and the roots of the young trees are better able to penetrate. Usually, if the soil is of only average quality no manure will be needed for the first few years.

"Practically all growers are now agreed that one-year trees are preferable to larger ones. By planting when small they may be properly trained, and they stand moving much better than later. Nothing is to be gained by hurrying. If the land is not bearing apples or plums, it will be growing strawberries or raspberries, which pay equally well, if not better, and it is wise to be slow and sure rather than fast and freaky. While spring planting is usually considered best, the trees are better planted carefully in the fall than hurriedly in the spring, when there is so much other work to do.

"We plant all our trees 18 feet apart each way, thus giving 135 trees to the acre. This allows plenty of room to cultivate between the rows when they reach maturity. The holes are dug three feet wide and eighteen inches deep. They are then filled in with black soil. Around the trees the ground is well trodden, and the little trees planted in order that they may become sturdy and not be affected by wind.

"What varieties would I plant? I would set half the patch to Wealthy apples. That is the only apple I would plant, except, perhaps, a few crabs. Last year these apples yielded twice as large a crop as any other, and this is a common occurrence. The Wealthy is undoubtedly the best commercial variety and that is the one to plant. In order to leave room in the orchard for a

change off for strawberries. Cereal crops should never be grown between fruit trees, as they not only use up the food that should go to the young trees, but the land, not being cultivated, becomes dried out and the trees suffer much from lack of moisture. As the trees grow the rows of small fruits will have to be decreased until at the end of about six years the trees will require all the ground.

"In an old orchard it is customary to plant a cover crop of wheat and vetch for the winter. This plowed in the spring provides the trees with sufficient nitrogenous food. Besides this it prevents washing out during the winter rains.

"In order that a beginner may be able to calculate the cost of working an orchard, the following estimate of the season's cultivating and spraying is given:

Experience. Moral—begin now, before the land becomes too expensive.

"IT DON'T HURT MUCH."

What, ho! little fellow upon my knee,
Telling your story of trouble to me—
A finger swollen, a cut and a bruise,
You wonder what mother will say to you
shoos;
A brave, bright purpose to hold the tears
'Mid all the pain and the doubt and fears;
Though lips may quiver and sobs may rise,
No tell-tale drops in those brave, bright
eyes,
As, tender with valor of childhood's
touch,
He whispers: "It-don't hurt very much!"

There, little lad, with the wounds of fray,
Scared and stained in the light-heart
play
A kiss will heal—with a kind word blunt—
Far better than all of the liniment,
I used to come for a bandage, too.



READY FOR THE TABLE—VICTORIA STRAWBERRIES CRATED FOR THE MARKET—NOTE THEIR SIZE. —Photo by Fleming Bros.

"If a cover crop is used plow lightly in the spring. If not then use the disc harrow, going over it two or three times, after that once each way with the drag harrow will put the land in good shape. At short intervals during the season the land may be cultivated with a pulverizing harrow, say four times altogether.

"The orchard must be sprayed in the fall with Bordeaux mixture, and in the spring with lime, salt and sulphur wash. Sometimes during summer it is necessary to spray part of the orchard with resin, soap and quassa for aphid. Older apples are seldom affected in this way, and therefore do not need the spray.

"After the first few years the orchard will need some artificial fertilizer every year unless stable manure can be procured. The ordinary B. mixture sold by the Victoria Chemical Company is as good as any.

"Of course besides cultivating and spraying there is the expense of picking and packing the fruit, but there is no difficulty with the marketing if the article is a good one, as it should be. The gross revenue from an orchard of ten acres laid out as above should not be less than \$3,000 a year on an average, and with careful management it may be more. One industrious man

When I built castles of life like you,
I used to fall and I used to know
The stinging pain of the bruise and blow,
The terrible gulping of doubts and fears,
And the brave, bright battle to hold the tears.

What, ho! little fellow, just wait a while,
Till the years of care and the years of
trial
Carry you ever so far away
From the golden valleys of dream and
play.
Pleasure God, the wounds and the bruises
then,
In the hard, cruel battle of sea with
men,
Will find you stalwart and staunch and
fine,
To fight back sorrow with faith divine;
To hold the terrors with a brave, tight
clutch
And echo: "It don't hurt very much!"

—The Bentzow Bard in the Baltimore Sun.

AND THAT SETTLED IT.

"If ye please, mum," said the ancient hero, in an appealing voice, as he stood at the back door of the cottage on wash-day. "I've lost my leg—"

"Well, I ain't got it," snapped the woman fiercely.

"And the door closed with a bang.

Every day the inhabitants of the United Kingdom wear away \$1,000,000 worth of shoe leather.

prosperous. In the height of Rome's glory six acres was a farm, large enough for the average Roman. Legislators and statesmen of that era recognized this fact. Even that great and good man, who was brought from his farm to take charge of the destinies of the Roman Empire, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus, cultivated a four-acre farm on the banks of the Tiber.

A few artisans within the past ten years, wearying of the call by the foot of the whistle, or the tinkle of the bell to their daily toil, cast their fortunes out in the bush within a radius of five miles of this city, and to them more than any one else is due the credit for having made the demonstrations which makes it possible for the writer to offer the following remarks.

In most of the valleys of Southern California, for many years past, much stress has been put on the availability

display at the fruiterer's stands in Vancouver city—where they are exhibited as "Vancouver Island" strawberries—would convince the ordinary observer of the truth of this statement.

The market for all time is guaranteed. The berries on the Island are at least two weeks earlier than any other portion of the province, and must always take the cream of the market.

For other small fruits our lands are equally available, such as blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, loganberries, winberries, currants of all kinds, etc. A new favorite for the public favor being the Cape gooseberry, and one that promises big things for the future.

Facts are stubborn things. In order to show that we have drawn from them, I will submit some figures which are taken by the writer from the books of a well known fruit and commission house who have always fostered fruit growing on the Island, since its in-

At the end of the first year of growth I estimate the trees have increased in value not less than 25 cents each—each sum will repay cost and planting of the tree. At the end of the second year the increase in value to each tree not less than 50 cents or on 500 trees \$250. The third year 75 cents per tree or on 500 trees \$375. The fourth year \$1 per tree or on 500 trees \$500 and a possible small crop thrown in. As five year olds, nine times out of ten, a crop varying in value from \$2 to \$4 per tree, often very much more.



—Photo by Fleming Bros.

PROMISE OF FRUITAGE—A CORNER OF A VICTORIA STRAWBERRY FIELD NEAR VICTORIA WITH PLANTS IN BLOOM.

of small acreage for ideal homes—where a man of moderate means still might spend his life's days in the best of circumstances—where fruit growing would make him absolutely independent after the first four or five years.

It is not my intention to institute comparisons—which are always odious—and they would be particularly so in this instance when we remember the tiny drawbacks in Southern California compared to conditions as they exist on our lovely Island.

Time and seasons have demonstrated absolutely that certain fruits are a genuine commercial success here, and this is the true test, and the one that must appeal with increasing force to the bread winner of every family.

To begin with, the facts and figures admitted in this article are actual, and not stated here for the sake of leading people not known to the writer.

One of the money-winners—one of the most fruits most available to the beginner is the strawberry. For while getting other fruits ready to yield income, the strawberry can be relied upon to furnish the financial maintenance of a family.

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The writer has from early boyhood keenly enjoyed the strawberry above all other fruits, and has had abundant opportunity to try them in all manner of climates.

Just a year ago I had occasion to travel through a town in Mexico, whose inhabitants boast that they supply strawberries to the passengers of the Mexican Central Railway every day in the year, which they do; and in the month of December, to ordinary mortals, they certainly are very satisfying, but Rapuato strawberries, to use the common vernacular, are "not in it" with Vancouver Island strawberries.

To the uninitiated the vital question is, what money is there in this strawberry culture? Does it pay? When at school we learned this important lesson, namely, "what one man has done, another may do."

Herewith are submitted a few figures taken for the season 1906, at Victoria:

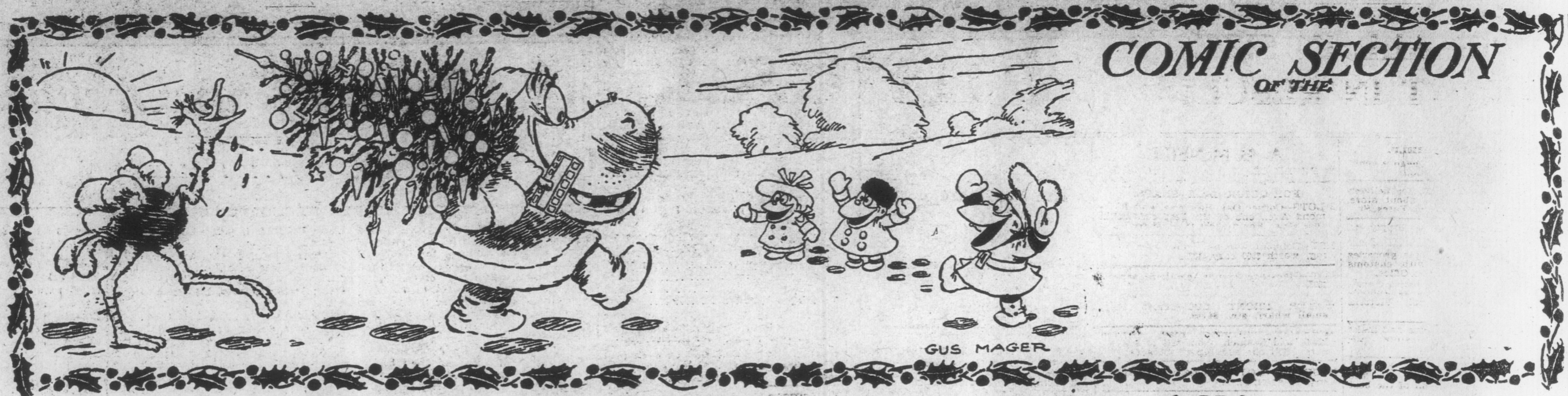
Grower A delivered from 1 1/2 acres blackberries 12,556 pounds, for which he obtained \$1,255.10, less 10 per cent. for marketing, or over \$800 per acre—this crop was harvested from one, two and three year old vines.



—Photo by Fleming Bros.

APPLE TREE IN BEARING.

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And He Missed Santa Claus After All!

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1 I'M GOING OUT AND WATCH FOR SANTA CLAUS. I WOULD LOVE TO GO ALONG. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

2 I WISH HE WOULD COME.

3 I'M GETTING SLEEPY.

4 HE'S ASLEEP.

5 COME AND PUT HIM INTO BED.

6 ISN'T SANTY A WONDER? HE'S A PEACH.

7 GOOD MORNING BUSTER.

8 RESOLVED THAT SANTY CLAUS IS LIKE MOST PEOPLE WHO DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO MAKING OTHERS HAPPY, HE KEEPS OUT OF SIGHT. I'LL BET THAT MOST OF THE OTHER NICE THINGS WE GET FROM MRS. SANTY CLAUS TOO. I'M SURE HE DOES N'T CONFINE HIS KINDNESS TO MERRY XMAS. HURRAH FOR SANTY CLAUS.

9 R.F. Outcault



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WANTED—Advertisements a word each in this office.

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