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TALES OF THE TOWN.

ANY ONE who buys an off-colored diamond without first satisfying himself of its genuineness, must be innocent, indeed," remarked my Uncle Aaronson the other day, and every one knows that, without a doubt, my obliging relative is one of the best judges of diamonds in the country. "If you doubt the genuineness of the color of such a stone," continued my uncle, "all you have to do is to dip it in a little alcohol or ammonia and then wipe it dry, and if it has been doctored the fact will be immediately apparent. You can give an off-color yellow diamond a white or

steel-blue lock by rubbing it with an analine pencil, but you can rub it off with a handkerchief moistened with alcohol. The most precious stone is a pure pigeon-blood ruby. After it comes the fancy diamonds, such as brown, blue, pink, black and 'canary.' There are very few of the last kind in existence." Uncle Aaronson promises THE HOME JOURNAL a treatise on the subject of valuable stones at an early day.

I attended the Tuesday night performance of Monte Cristo, and really I was delighted with the thorough work of that rising young actor, Mr. Darrell Vinton. It is not of the performance on the stage I desire to speak; it is of the performance of a cocoa-nut headed person, who by his appearance might be taken for an hostler, a flunkey, or a scavenger; but upon inquiry I found he was a mainland auctioneer. Some of the most beautiful scenes in the performance were spoiled by this horrible burlesque on humanity; he laughed during the pathetic parts, and talked so loud at other times that it was utterly impossible to hear a word that was

being spoken on the stage. The ignoramus did not appear to be drunk, either—simply ignorant and vulgar. His language was such as is only heard among the lowest types of humanity. It is rather unfair that people should be compelled to pay taxes for the erection and support of houses of detention, while this creature is permitted to run at large. The public demand that all animals of his species should be penned up.

Speaking of animals alive, reminds me that the butchers of this city should be a little more careful, and not monopolize the whole sidewalk in order that they may display their goods to advantage. In pass-

ing a Government street butcher shop, the other day, I observed a lady brushing stains from a cloak that had accidentally come in contact with a quarter of beef that had been hung up in front of the store. As might be expected, the lady was highly incensed at the ruin of her new cloak, and expressed herself plainly on the subject. If there is a by-law regulating matters of this kind it should be enforced, and if not there should be one passed that would put an end to the nuisance.

And the sidewalks of this city are not by any means kept in a proper state of repair. A young law student tells me that the legal fraternity, of the future, were, in the person of himself, nearly losing one of their most promising lights, through the agency of a defective sidewalk. Others make similar complaints; therefore it would be well for those interested to see that the necessary repairs are made, or the city may be called upon some of these days to defend an action for considerable damages, for such gross negligence. Owners of buildings in course of construction, and contractors, should not

be permitted to throw obstructions in the way of pedestrians, and by so doing endanger life.

I was speaking, the other day, to a gentleman from Montana, and, in the course of our conversation, he said he believed that, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, Bull-Dog Kelly was yet alive. It will be remembered that Kelly was arrested in St. Paul, Minn., on a charge of murdering a peddler up in the mountains, seven years ago, and it was supposed that he had hid the money taken from the murdered man. Whether Kelly is alive or dead does not concern my present remarks. While Kelly was lying in the Ramsey County jail at St. Paul, awaiting extradition papers, in March, 1886, I was detailed by a Minneapolis paper on which I was then working, to interview the prisoner. As many people who have heard of the man who was charged with taking the life of a fellow being for filthy lucre, but have never seen him, I will describe him as he appeared to me during the course of the interview.

Bull-Dog Kelly was a rather tall, athletic young man, about six or seven and twenty, with a countenance as intelligent in expression and symmetrical in figure as his limbs were vigorous and well proportioned. His head was perfectly shaped, and surmounted a neck of singular strength and breadth, which lay open and rose cut of a chest of unusual massiveness and dilation. His eyes were blue, full of fire and energy, intermixed with an expression of slyness and sagacity. They had a peculiarly watchful look, and indicated a vehemence of character, checked and tempered by a cautious and observant spirit. The nose was well formed, while the mouth was composed of thick but well shaped lips, in which intrepidity and firmness were strongly marked, and, when opened, disclosed a range of teeth of the finest form and color. His hair was clipped short, and was light in color. He was dressed fairly well, and taking him altogether, Bull-Dog Kelly was not a man one would suspect of being a murderer.

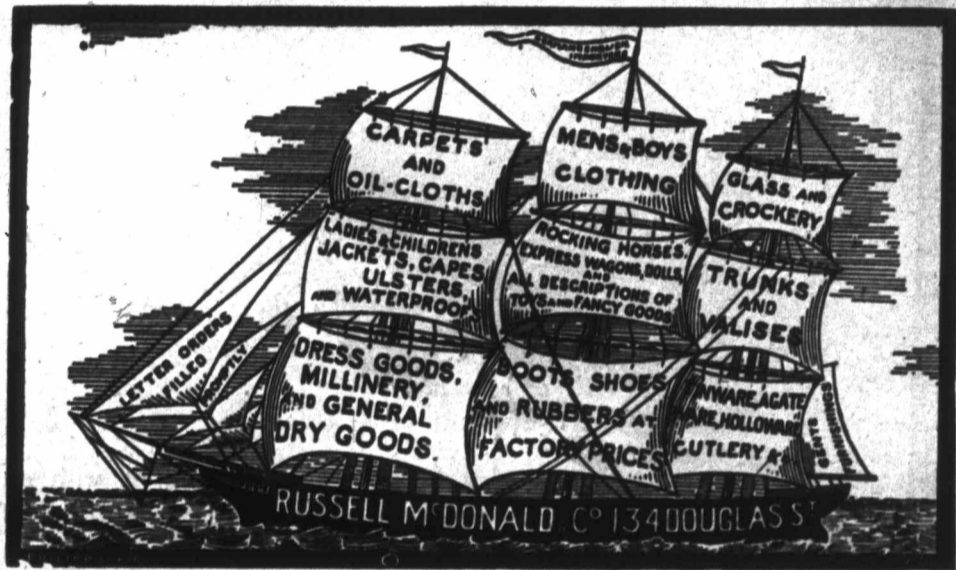
When I arrived at the jail, he was playing cards with a number of other prisoners, and on being told that a press representative desired to speak with him, he came forward cheerfully. He asked me if I had any tobacco. Re-

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plying in the affirmative, I gave him
some, which I learned was not contrary
to prison rules. He was rather diffi-
dent, and appeared to suspect at first
that I had misrepresented myself.
However, at length he related all the
circumstances that he knew, according
to his own story, concerning the dis-
appearance of the murdered man, and
which I have almost forgotten. But I
do remember that I came to the con-
clusion then that if Bull-Dog Kelly was
a murderer, he did not look, act or talk
like one.

I'm a daisy conductor you can bet both your
boots.

When I think, I am never polite;
And I try with inspectors to stand in cohorts,
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If a passenger argues he's paid more than twice,
From the platform he's forcibly fired,
And I do up the work so quick and so nice,
That as yet I have never perspired.

I'm blind to the people who wait for a car,
And I let her glide by on her way,
And tho' they may chase her ever so far,
I don't give a rap what they say

No matter what line I control on my run,
I'm on deck; you had better believe,
And if you should laugh at my "knock-downs"
for fun,
You'd better just laugh up your sleeve.

The unsatisfactory condition of the
divorce laws in the United States has
forced into existence a National Divorce
Reform League, and this body has
been making an annual report as all
well constituted societies are apt to do.
Six States of the Union have appointed
commissions to promote uniform legis-
lation on the questions of marriage and
divorce, and a conference is to be held
by the commissioners to take united
action. This sounds promising, but
the vigilant promoters of the reform
draw attention to certain facts which go
to indicate that uniformity of the di-
vorce law is not the only desideratum.
It appears that 80 per cent. of all
divorces in the United States are
granted to persons who have been
married in the same State as they obtain
a divorce in, so that there is apparently
no great tendency to flock into certain
States where the law is lax for the pur-
pose of getting divorces. The indica-
tions rather point to a general laxity of
law, and a public sentiment that does
not call for any stringent enactment.
The Toronto Empire, I observe, does
not think it too severe a judgment to
say that the tone of moral sentiment on
the subject in the republic is low, and
that the sanctity of the marriage tie is
held in little regard. At least it is not

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a matter of such prime importance as it is in other communities. Better laws will do something to check the evil, but they will not eradicate it. All the laws in the world will do little for a people who are not in a mood to obey them. There is a tendency in the States towards divorce which borders dangerously on mania, and the consequent loosening of the moral forces which do so much to strengthen a country is one of the most dangerous problems with which our neighbors have to deal. The difficulty is all the more serious in that it works slowly and insidiously, and its worst effects are not visible on the surface. It may be one or two generations at least before this undermining of the domestic relations shows itself in all its force.

This movement will be watched with interest by the several parties in British Columbia, who are applying, and contemplating an application, to the courts to set aside the bonds of matrimony which have been grating upon them rather harshly of late.

Now that the sewerage of the most densely populated portion of Victoria is within measurable distance of completion, I hope those who are responsible for the health of the city will see that the house connections are put in with due regard to the laws of sanitation. The best systems in the world may be made worse than useless if this is not done properly.

It is high time the city adopted the system prevailing in other civilized communities, viz., that of appointing a certain number of the most efficient men in the trade as "licensed plumbers," and make them responsible for the work done by their employees. A man who carries a soldering iron, has a grimy face and smells of putty, is only too readily accepted as a plumber, and yet upon this man's care and skilfulness depend the health of ourselves, our wives and little ones. The improper tapping of a drain has many a time carried sorrow and death into a happy household.

The germs of disease in the deadly sewer gas are none the less deadly because unseen. Typhoid fever, than which there is no worse disease, is oftener contracted through the sewer gas rising up the sink pipe, than

by any other means. If this is not guarded against, our sewers will become one big death trap instead of a boon to the city.

There are many who complain that the sewers do not take the surface water off our streets; they are oblivious of the fact that a combined system laid before the people was objected to on account of the cost. The present, as a separate one, is all right, and if it is not spoiled by faulty plumbing, Victoria may continue to be, as she is, one of the healthiest cities in the world.

It is wonderful what a lot of people there are in Victoria who know all about sewerage since the present work was inaugurated. The house connections should have been brought up to the sidewalk, so that one cutting up of a street would have sufficed, but no provision for this was made when the scheme was accepted.



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LOTS, NORTH PEMBROKE ST. off Fernwood estate, two large lots \$1000.

CHATHAM ST.—One lot and 7-room house, \$1700, \$500 or \$750 cash, balance in 2 years.

SOUTH TURNER ST., James Bay, next street to one to water, \$1,300.

FRONT ST., Esquimalt Road—12 to 14 fruit trees, \$500.

ESQUIMALT ROAD—Lot, 20 by switch of Tram Co.'s Line, \$700.

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Society

[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

SOCIETY is having a good time these days, quiet it may be, to be sure, but still all the more pleasurable. A number of elegant luncheons and receptions were given during the past week, and as for less pretentious gatherings, there have been scores of them. The leap-year party seems to be growing in favor, and the more unique the better.

The marriage of Miss Grant, of Third Street, Work Estate, to Mr. Duncan, has been announced to take place on the 24th inst.

Rev. A. Grant, the popular and eloquent Baptist preacher of Winnipeg, will preach in Calvary Baptist Church to-morrow.

In the R. C. pro-Cathedral Mr. Ottis F. Chapman and Miss Emma C. Kelly were married last Wednesday evening by Rev. Father Nicclaye. Miss Katie Burns was bridesmaid, and Mr. G. Elliott did the honors for the groom. After the ceremony a sumptuous supper was provided at the residence of ex-Ald. S. L. Kelly, the bride's father, 288 Yates Street, and then the happy couple left on the City of Kingston on their wedding tour down the Sound.

Columbia Lodge Sons of St. George will hold a social and dance in the Oddfellows' Hall, Spring Ridge, Tuesday evening, March 1st.

The foundation-stone of the new church of St. Mark, Tolmie district, was laid at three o'clock, Thursday afternoon, by Miss Tolmie, in the presence of a large number of parishioners and friends.

Dame Rumor says that Mr. E. S. Wilkinson, C.E., will shortly lead to the altar an estimable young lady who resides in the extreme northern portion of the city.

A number of novel features will be introduced at the coming amateur minstrel performance, which shows much enterprise on the part of those who have it in hand. A gentleman recently from Australia will give an exhibition on the invisible slack wire without the

aid of a balance pole. Tricks and juggling, with numerous feats of dexterity, will greatly add to the success of the performance.

The young men connected with Temple Emanuel have held a meeting and decided to give a return dance during this month, probably on the 29th. The arrangements are not yet complete, but sufficient is known to warrant the prediction that the forthcoming party will be successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus MacGregor, of Winnipeg, will shortly arrive in the city on a visit to their relatives.

A pleasant party was given at the residence of Mr. Wm. Wilson, Birdcage Walk, last Thursday evening.

A bright boy of about 13 summers, who is connected with a prominent family in the city, is reported to have cleared for the land of the free, after drawing his last month's salary. The young adventurer will probably return penitent after a brief sojourn in the land of strangers.

There was a gay assemblage at the Assembly Hall last evening at the Knights of Pythias' ball. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the Sir Knights in their striking uniform added much to the brilliancy of the assembly.

Invitations are out for an "At Home" dance at the home of Mrs. D. W. Higgins, on Wednesday, 24th inst.

There was a large company at the St. James Hall last Tuesday evening, and a pleasant evening was spent. The hall, it is said, was slightly overcrowded.

The entertainment given for the benefit of Mr. Thos. Thirkettle at the Trades Assembly Hall last Saturday night was well attended. Mr. Thirkettle rendered several character songs in a highly creditable manner, while the recitation of "The Last Shot" by Mr. Hall proved that gentleman to be an elocutionist of a high order of merit. The other numbers on the programme were worthy of mention, particularly the song "The Warrior Bold" by Mr. Olsen. Mr. J. Philo's violin solo was well received, as was also the song "Old Madrid" by Mr. Aaronson.

An elocutionary entertainment will be given by Miss Rosa Stannus in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday, 22nd inst., for the benefit of that institution.

John Hendry, ex-Mayor of New Westminster, Mrs. Hendry and sister, are on a visit to Victoria.

MISS INMAN AND DARRELL VINTON.

"Good, my noble sir, didst see the play which at the playhouse of the noble knight, Sir Collins, did give in quick, successive scenes, by words and acts, a fantastic tale of love and untold wealth?"

"Aye! Marry that I did, and was more than passing pleased thereat. The tale is strange, but fancy wedded unto skill in words begets the license of the wedded pair, and does whate'er it will, making at times truth seem fiction, and fiction truer than the truth itself."

"How wast thou pleased with that young woman who the part of Albert did enact?"

"Gadzooks! But she is a winsome girl, and won my heart by looks and words, and by the pretty simple act in which so well she did portray."

"A yokel at the playhouse filled my ears with tales of her, but yester eve, and said that scarce 20 summers had passed away since she was born."

"I' faith, the varlet must have played upon thy mind with false and untrue speech."

"The play-actor called Darrell Vinton, who the sailor and then the count did portray, deserved much praise."

"In very truth. A man who knows his part and plays it well. He must have conned his lines full well, and on the mimic stage spent many a year to get such pleasing skill. Such men add credit to their chosen art, and live and die beloved by all. The others in the play were passing fair, and played their parts quite well and gave rill necessary support."

"But all in all, thou didst like the play?"

"Aye, that I did. Adieu, Sir Criticus."

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PARLIAMENTARY UNION.

The adjourned debate on Imperial Federation vs. Canadian Independence was continued at the last regular meeting of the Parliamentary Debating Society.

Mr. Lewis did not think that the time had arrived for the question to be considered in a practical light. He would prefer seeing Canada remain as she was, and said that anything at all was better than annexation to the States.

Mr. Falconer, ex-Minister of Finance, made an eloquent speech, which took him nearly 53 minutes to deliver. He pointed out the unfortunate position which Canada would occupy if she became politically allied with the United States. She would have to aid in the maintenance of the fleet and in pensioning the army of veterans that eat up yearly about \$90,000,000 of the revenue. Independence was out of the question. By Imperial Federation Canada would form a part of the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and would share in her glories, her riches and her traditions. The leading men in Canada, such as Mr. Mowat, Alex. Mackenzie, and Principal Grant, all were strong advocates of this policy.

Messrs. Halton and Hampson made speeches in advocacy of Imperial Federation, and the latter gentleman then moved the previous question.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Monday, February 22, 1892.

Adjourned debate on Resolution moved by Mr. Hampson in favor of Imperial Federation.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Hampson to ask the Minister of Finance:—

When he intends to place the financial policy of the Government before this House and introduce the estimates for the coming year.

Mr. Vidler to move the following Resolution:—

That the Motion that "the question be now put" may at any time be withheld from the House by the Speaker, if he shall deem there is yet room for debate.

The Honorable Mr. Hunter to move the following Resolution:—

That the Minister of Justice, the Postmaster-General, the Honorable the Member for Spring Ridge, the Honor-

able the Member for Muskoka, and the Mover be a Committee to draft a Standing Order of Procedure to be followed by this House, and report the same for the consideration of this House

Mr. Bowes to move the following Resolution:—

That at least one week's notice must be given of a Motion impeaching the Ruling of the Chair.

Mr. Bowes to move the following Resolution:—

That this House deeply regrets that in a Motion of want of confidence the Government withheld from the House their grounds for staying in power.

The Honorable Mr. Hunter to move the following Resolution:—

That whenever upon a division of this House any three members shall demand the yeas and nays, the Clerk of the House shall call the roll of the members and read out the names and response of each member voting upon the question, which shall be recorded by two tellers to be nominated for that purpose by Mr. Speaker, who shall, after comparison of the tellers' lists, announce the result to the House.

The Honorable Mr. Barker to ask leave to introduce a Bill for the purpose of providing for full jurisdiction in matters of Divorce in the Supreme Courts of those Provinces of the Dominion of Canada not yet possessed of such jurisdiction.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

SIR,—I see by your issue of the 13th inst. you ask several questions about the military volunteer organization of this city. Now, in reply I would like to say that for some time past things have seemed a little stagnant, but, happily, they are looking much brighter; that the officers and men are doing their best to bring the batteries to their full strength, and expect to have on parade at the annual inspection in the spring a brigade which will be a credit to all concerned. There is one thing that is a great drawback to this work, and that is the way in which certain of the citizens of our city look and speak when they meet any of the members of the brigade in uniform on their way to and from drill. Now let me ask you in all fairness that if you cannot see your way to help us, that at

least you will not throw obstacles in the way by sneering at the boys when they pass in uniform. History has shown us that the volunteers of this our Dominion of Canada can do and always have done their duty when called upon, even at a sacrifice of their pecuniary interests. So come now, boys, take hold and join us, and let us show the people that we have as good a brigade here as anywhere in the Dominion.

I would also like to mention that the matter of an entertainment at the opening of the new drill shed has already been broached and that the boys are beginning to work it up. Thanking you for your space, I remain,

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The Manitoba will be conducted on the American plan. The fact that it has been placed under the management of Mr. W. J. Gunning, for years manager of the Minnesota Club of St. Paul,

gives assurance that the table and service will be perfect in every respect.

The building contains in the basement and on the first floor all the necessary adjuncts of a first-class hotel, such as the rotunda, reception rooms, barber shop, laundry, toilet rooms, Turkish baths, bar, billiard room, etc.

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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.



THE proposal of the Local Government to have all surveys of public lands carried out under their control, and at public expense, and to have them made in consecutive order, is a step in the right direction, which commends itself to every impartial mind that has made the land question a subject of careful study. To a working man with a family dependent upon him for support, the loss of time required for making a selection, and the expense of surveys, is a serious obstacle in the way of his taking up land. Such a system places him at the mercy of land peddlers, and compels him to pay for professional services out of all proportion to his ability and the remuneration he receives for his own employment. It reduces his capital, already small enough, for the undertaking before him at the most critical time when capital is most effective.

Labor is the only agency by which wild lands can be brought under cultivation. Capital is efficient for that purpose only when exchanged for or converted into labor. A working man's labor is his capital. If he wishes to

apply that capital to making productive the now waste lands of this province, the true policy in the country's interest is to make the way easy for him to so apply it. But labor to be efficient must be fed. The working man who goes on land must have some savings by him to feed himself as he works; to buy implements and cattle to work with. To take his savings from him at the outset to pay for exploration and surveys before he can get land, is to limit by so much his efficiency in applying his labor to land. And the Government in seeking to remove this disability—to furnish reliable information to home-seekers and assuming the cost of surveys—are truly working in the interest of actual settlement and of public revenue.

But in the whole of the legislation proposed in regard to the public lands by the Government, or in the suggestions of the Opposition to assist them, so far this is the only redeeming feature. The Hon. Mr. Vernon, in defending the despotic powers sought to be conferred on two or three members of the Government; the proposal to sell public lands at auction; and the reserving of town sites, seeks to shelter himself behind the precedent set by the Dominion Government. Let any honest man personally acquaint himself with the effects of the Dominion land policy as it has been administered in the country between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Let him see the vast blocks of land locked up by speculative holding from actual settlement as the result of that policy; let him get from actual settlers in that district their opinion of how the Dominion Government policy helps the actual settler, and he will see the flimsy character of this defence.

Mr. Beaven, while in a general way objecting to the policy of the Government, offers them nothing better as a substitute. Is he ignorant of the effects of taxation applied for the purpose of discouraging speculation in land? If not, he could have told the Government that a tax upon the value of land would prevent anybody, if properly applied, from taking possession of more of it than they can put to use. It would prevent the necessity of the restricting the sale of town sites or of the Govern-

ment's going into the business of real estate town site booming after the manner they condemn on the part of speculators. It might prevent the hon. commissioner of public lands from displaying his ignorance of economic questions, and the rights of the community in the values they create, when he speaks of town site values as rightfully belonging to the "lucky" individual who happened to get ahead of the community in getting possession of them.

If Mr. Beaven is ignorant of these truths, it is time he was getting acquainted with them. If he is not, he is clearly delinquent in his duty as the representative of the people in opposition to the present land policy. The evils of speculative holding of wild lands are no new evils. The effects of taxation applied as a remedy, have long been known and acknowledged. Ignorance on these questions cannot and will not long be tolerated by the people of this country on the part of those entrusted with the direction of public affairs. If the hon. Commissioner of Lands and the leader of the Opposition are not better informed upon this subject shortly, they may discover that the people are, and will demand on the part of those who represent them at least as great a knowledge of these truths as was possessed by the legislators of seventy-five years ago.

In Withrow's history of Canada, page 351, appears the following description of the land agitation of 1820 in Canada, which I recommend to them for perusal. "In the making of land grants, much favoritism had prevailed. Extensive tracts had been alienated from the crown, without any imposition of settlement duties or taxation. Much of the land was, therefore, held by speculators and allowed to remain in a wild state, that its value might be enhanced by the cultivation of the settled districts. In order to prevent this evil, royal instructions were issued forbidding the granting of more than twelve hundred acres to any one person. But this instruction was often adroitly evaded. A greedy land agent would apply in the names of a number of associates for grants of twelve hundred acres each. This application was often only a subterfuge, and the combined grant, sometimes amounting to fifty thousand acres,

was secured for the personal advantage of the agent."

On page 353 of the same work, the historian further says: "The increased independence of the legislative assembly, was indicated by * * * the adoption, to the intense chagrin of the land speculators, of Gourlay's suggestion, for the taxation of Wild Lands," and this suggestion even though only partially applied, brought about an era of rapid settlement and development which more than justified the hopes of its promoters. History repeats itself, favoritism and loose land regulations have resulted in our progress being hampered by such speculative holding as cursed Canada in the days of the family compact.

Are our legislators sufficiently independent of the powerful speculative interests which they and their predecessors have created, to apply the remedy, or shall the people be under the necessity, as they were in the earlier history of Canada, of dismissing them from their legislative functions and replacing them with men more in accord with the views and interests of the people

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"Do not consider what I say here to be merely a jest or a fancy. The mirror has its influence on health as it has on coquetterie. The nervous, faddy, hypochondriachal woman creates maladies, and augments existing ones, in submitting to the domination of her mirror, which she invokes as a witness and consults as a physician. If she can free herself from this, she diminishes her nervousness, her anxiety, absorption in herself, which compels her by always looking into the glass, to analyze and question herself concerning the least changes in her face and the faintest sensations she may have. * * * Briefly, the mirror should only tell you whether your toilet is neat and whether you follow the rules of hygiene; if it becomes an instrument by means of which you augment your maladies and your nervousness, exaggerate your fads and indulgence in your hypochondria, abandon it at once. Look at yourself from a distance in a glass, if you like, but do not go near it."

Will you pulverize your mirror?

The reason why most women workers are not paid so much as most men workers is because they are not worth so much, says a woman who believes what she says, who believed so ten years ago, and whose belief has only deepened with every working year that has passed over her head. Women are not paid so much as men because they really do not earn so much as men. That is a generalized statement. A few women are paid more than some men, because they are doing something that a man can't do so well as a woman can. They

are paid for the advantage of sex. Some women get just as much for their work as a man would get, because the work has no advantage or disadvantage of sex either way. Most women are paid less than most men because men have the advantage of their sex in strength, strength of body and of muscles, units of horse power.

Men and women are paid for work, and that work is a matter of body as well as of brains. When

people begin to talk about this matter they insist upon treating it as if ability were purely a matter of brains, as if the concession that a woman's work isn't worth so much as a man's in the money market is because she hasn't so much brains as a man. Nonsense! The very fact that women hold their own against men as they do in this competitive period, with less physical strength, proves that they have more brains than men, if it proves anything at all.

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K O D A K S A F E T



DUMAS' famous story of Monte Cristo is well-told in five acts by a play of the same name which is now running at The Victoria with Mr. Durrell Vinton in the title role. The play possesses all the fascination of the book, and some stage pictures of wonderful strength are exhibited. Mr. Vinton does not suffer very much in comparison with James O'Neill in this part. His elocution is good, while his acting could not very well be improved upon. In the strongest scenes of the play Mr. Vinton proved himself equal to the situations. Mr. Fred Summerfield, as Dangler, played the part of the designing villain with great skill, and received much applause. Nortier is a difficult part to play, requiring so many changes of the face and dialect, but George Berry proved himself equal to the task, and gave a good representation of the character. James Morton, as Villefort, was the subject of much praise, while Messrs. Lloyd and Mackey gave their parts for what was in them. Miss Esther Lyons was, we believe, more pleasing as Mercedes in Monte Cristo than she was in the part she played the opening week. This may be accounted for by the fact that the actors are becoming better acquainted with each other's business, and naturally the play runs smoother. Miss Belle Inman was as charming as ever, and as Albert, she was fascinating in the extreme. Miss Inman is a clever soubrette, and can make an ordinary part interesting. As we anticipated, she has already become a great favorite in this city. Miss Annie Inman played the old woman part in a thoroughly competent manner. The other parts were fair.

This is the last week of Rice's Victoria Stock Company at The Victoria. It was found that the combinations to be played at that house would confuse matters to such an extent that it would be utterly impossible to carry out the original intentions of the managers of the theatre and the company. Therefore, the people now at The Vic-

toria will be transferred to the Imperial, and that already popular house will again be the home of the drama. To carry out this idea, and to prepare the house for opening next Monday night, Manager Ward, of the Imperial, closed down the specialty performance which has been running for a week or so, last Wednesday night. Under the new order of things the house will be as popular as ever. The first three nights of the week the beautiful drama, The Planter's Daughter will be produced, to be followed in rapid succession with all the standard plays.

Electric lights are being placed in The Victoria, which will insure greater safety and better light.

The costumes worn by the Rice Victoria Stock Company are among the most elaborate and expensive ever seen in this city.

The scenic effects of The Victoria will in future be from the brush of Mr. Alex. Buchan, who is said to know about everything that is worth knowing in his line of "business."

A Victoria young man has expressed his intention of adopting the stage as a profession.

The Belmour-Gray Company are at Calgary to-night. They have done a great business at every place in which they appeared. They expect to open in Winnipeg in a week or so.

The renowned Bobby Gaylor, in Sport McAllister, will be seen at The Victoria on the evening of the 26th. This performance is highly spoken of by the press in the east, and from all accounts merits the words of praise which it has received.

Wm. Bennett, late of the Belmour-Gray combination, has joined Rice's Victoria Stock Company.

At The Victoria, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, A. M. Palmer's Madison Square Co. will hold the boards. Captain Swift, a companion play to Jim the Penman, will be produced the opening night, and on the second night the comedy A Happy Pair, to be followed by

the three-act comedy A Parisian Butterfly. The leading man of this organization is Mr. Arthur Forrest, who is well and favorably known to patrons of the drama everywhere. The company is said to be first-class in every respect.

Manager Collins has engaged Roy Pinkham, a clever stage carpenter and machinist, who, assisted by John Birch, will look after the mechanical effects of every performance at The Victoria.

The new bill board for The Victoria, at the corner of Government and Yates street, is about completed. Its dimensions are 28x14, and will be the best "stand" in this city.

A play written by a professional man of this city has been submitted to a New York manager, who says that it possesses much merit, and that as soon as he can see his way clear, he will produce it.

The Amateur Minstrels, who appear at The Victoria on the 25th and 27th inst. held another rehearsal at the Imperial held last evening. Everything ran smoothly, and the rehearsal shows that the performance will approach amateur perfection. The solos to be given are very catchy, and the banjo band will be a decided novelty.

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ODD OR EVEN.

The towns of St. Vincent, Minn., and Emerson, Man., are less than two miles apart and between the two runs the international boundary line marked at each mile by an iron post upon which appears "Treaty of 1818." In each town there is an Episcopal church. Those who are familiar with the service of the Episcopal church know that a prayer is offered for the ruler of the country. While one pastor of these two churches was invoking the divine blessing upon President Harrison, the pastor of the other church, almost within sight, was supplicating for the blessing of Queen Victoria. East of these two places, 100 miles or more, the international boundary line is not so clearly defined, and when one travels by a little steamer on Rainy lake it is never a sure thing whether the steamer is in American or Canadian waters. The boundary is the channel, and the lake being full of little islands, the steamer is liable to take a different course on each trip. It is said that a clergyman was once holding service en route through Rainy lake, and not being certain which country he was in hesitated a moment when he reached that part of the service. He pulled out a dollar and looked at the date, having previously agreed with himself, "even Victoria, odd Harrison." It was dated 1884, and a prayer was offered for the Queen.

THE HEROINE OF THE TELEGRAPH.

In the Franco-German war of 1870 the uhlans in particular played havoc with the French wires. On arriving at a village they would ride up to the telegraph office, cut the connections, and carry off the apparatus, or else employ it to deceive the enemy. They were outwitted, however, on one occasion, and by a woman. Mlle Juliette Dodu, a girl of eighteen, was director of the telegraph station at Pithiviers, where she lived with her mother, when the Prussians entered the town. They took possession of the station, and, turning out the two women, confined them to their dwelling on a higher floor. It happened that the wire from the office in running to the pole on the roof passed by the door of the girl's room, and she con-

ceived the idea of tapping the Prussian messages. She had contrived to keep a telegraph instrument and by means of a derivation from the wire was able to carry out her purpose. Important telegrams of the enemy were thus obtained and secretly communicated to the sub-prefect of the town, who conveyed them across the Prussian lines to the French commander.

Mlle. Dodu and her mother were both arrested, and the proofs of their guilt were soon discovered. They were brought before a court-martial and speedily condemned to death, but the sentence had to be confirmed by the Commander of the Corps d'Armee, Prince Frederick Charles, who, having spoken with Mlle. Dodu on several occasions, desired her to be produced. He enquired her motive in committing so grave a breach of what are called the "laws of war." The girl replied: "Je suis Francaise," (I am a Frenchwoman). The Prince confirmed the sentence, but, happily, before it was executed the news of the armistice arrived and saved her life. In 1878 this telegraphic heroine was in charge of the post-office at Montreuil, near Vincennes, and on the 13th of August she was decorated with the Legion of Honor by Marshal MacMahon, President of the Republic.

TO BE SURE.

"You are a very handsome little girl," said a gentleman to a precocious miss in a street-car.

"Am I?" she replied.

"You are indeed."

"I do not consider myself very handsome, but I am passing fare," and she handed a nickle to the conductor.—National Weekly.

A GOOD ONE ON PAPA.

There is a story told of a veteran night editor who, for some reason, had a couple of days off. For years he had reached his home at about 6 o'clock in the morning, slept until late in the afternoon and had been obliged to rush off to his work. His children naturally saw but little of him. On this occasion he found it necessary to correct his youngest daughter for some flagrant breach of discipline. The child rushed to her mother, flushed with indignation:

"Mamma," she exclaimed, "that man wiv whiskers that sleeps here

daytimes 'panked me."—N.Y. Mercury.

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Company's Statement for the Year Ending December 31st, 1891.

ASSETS, \$159,507,138.68.

Reserve on Policies (American Table 4%)	\$146,968,322 00	Receipts from all sources	\$ 37,634,734 53
Liabilities other than Reserve	507,849 52	Payments to Policy Holders	18,755,711 86
Surplus	12,030,967 16	Risks assumed & renewed, 194,470 policies	607,171,801 00
		Risks in force, 225,507 policies, amounting to	\$695,753,461 03

NOTE.—The above statement shows a large increase over the business of 1890 in amount at risk, new business assumed, payments to policy-holders, receipts, assets and surplus; and includes as risks assumed only the number and amount of policies actually issued and paid for in the accounts of the year.

THE ASSETS ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS :

Real Estate and Bond and Mortgage Loans	\$ 81,345,540 48
United States Bonds and other Securities	57,661,455 78
Loans on Collateral Securities	10,223,903 90
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies at interest	5,070,153 03
Interest accrued, Premiums deferred, etc	5,206,085 49

\$159,507,138 68

I have carefully examined the foregoing statement and find the same to be correct.

A. N. WATERHOUSE, Auditor.

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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Henry E. Duncan, Jr., Corresponding Secretary.

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John Tatlock, Jr., Assistant Actuary.

Charles B. Peary, 2nd Assistant Actuary.

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John A. Fonda, Assistant Treasurer.

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Edward P. Holden, Assistant Cashier.

William G. Davies, General Solicitor.

William W. Richards, Comptroller.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS:

Gustavus S. Winston, M.D.

Elias J. Marsh, M.D.

Granville M. White, M.D.

British Columbia General Agency:

75 Government Street, Victoria.,

HEISTERMAN & CO., General Agents.

The above is the last annual statement of the Mutual Life of New York, Richard A. McCurdy, President.

This Company numbers among its policy-holders the leading citizens of this province, the agency of Heisterman & Co. being the oldest life agency in B. C.

The figures speak for themselves and carry out the announcement of President McCurdy that they would not attempt to produce any false impression as to the magnitude of their business by stating "how much" insurance had been "written." We understand it is easy to "write" business for the sake of puffing, and hitherto agencies of nearly all companies have been encouraged to write business whether it could be delivered or collected or not. The Mutual Life's action is a reform which the public and its own policy-holders will approve. Assets of nearly \$160,000,000, held by our company in trust for its members, affords food for deep thought, starting with the grand idea of the great beneficence such a vast sum of money expresses. Many have an idea that a foreign company gathers our money and takes it away for the benefit of outsiders. That is not true in the case of life insurance, since each and every contract calls for the repayment of each and every dollar and generally with large accumulations of interest. In this province alone, during the past eighteen months, the Mutual Life has received in premiums over \$70,000, through Heisterman & Co., their general agents. During the same period, the company has paid to its members in British Columbia over \$100,000, and this does not include dividends paid or credited our policies in force.

FOSTER MACGURN, MANAGER.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

IMPORTS.

The following is a summary of the quantity, value and duty on imports at the port of Victoria for the month of January, 1892:

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Acids.....			
Agricultural imple- ments.....		83	35 85
Ale, beer & port'rgls	5,342	1,843	958 08
Animals.....		5,058	1,425 90
Books, pamph's, etc.		1,241	285 30
Brass & manuf's of..		760	188 70
Breadstuffs, etc, viz			
Grain, of all kinds			
bush	620	605	77 44
Flour, bris.....	530	2,587	484 17
Meal, ".....	361	1,021	172 85
Rice and all other			
breadstuffs.....		3,845	1,031 44
Candles, lbs.....	3,025	299	67 25
Chicory, lbs.....	1,120	39	44 80
Coal and coke, tons.	138,240	653	82 88
Coffee, from U.S. lbs	1,930	448	59 65
Copper and m's of.		639	139 15
Cordage all kinds...	13,282	1,144	280 41
Cotton, manuf's of		3,657	1,048 44
Drugs and medicines		17,283	6,538 69
Earthen, stone and			
Chinaware.....		519	168 35
Fancy goods.....		687	231 65
Fish.....		1,267	297 02
Fruit, dried.....		705	204 17
Green.....		3,212	520 94
Furs.....		182	36 40
Glass, glassware...		49	12 25
Gunp'der, exp sub's		722	198 45
Hats, caps, bonnets.		5,548	1,773 15
Hops, lbs.....		1,269	380 70
Iron and steel m's of	23,129	6,928	71
Jewelry and watches			
and m's of gold and			
silver.....		602	164 80
Lead and manuf's of		1,337	297 49
Leather and m's of.		3,271	798 39
Marble and stone			
and manuf's of..		85	8 43
Malt, bush.....	491	397	73 65
Metals, composition			
and m's of.....		1,565	322 49
Musical instrum'ts		1,010	317 65
Oils, coal and kero-			
sene, gals.....	24,750	5,776	1,782 00
All other, gals...	6,227	2,361	551 39
Paints and colors,		287	76 95
Paper and m's of...		2,908	1,056 47
Perfumery.....		123	36 90
Provisions,			
Bacon hams, etc..		4,754	1,192 72
Salt, not from Great			
Britain or British			
possessions, or for			
fisheries, lbs.....	22,350	139	16 77
Seeds.....		232	24 70
Silk, manuf's of....		2,542	760 15
Soap of all kinds...		486	134 92
Spices of all kinds..		271	65 90
Starch, lbs.....	4,621	122	92 42
Spirits,			
Of all kinds, gals..	4,404	5,779	9,358 29
Wine, other than			
Sparkling, gals...	2,306	2,193	1,767 12

ARTICLES.	QUAN.	VALUE.	DUTY.
Winespr'kling doz	92	1,028	496 50
Sugar above No 14 lbs	20,462	792	163 70
Notab'vo No 14 lbs			
Sugar, syrups, cane			
juice, etc., lbs.....	650	25	9 75
Molasses.....			
Tea, from U.S. lbs..	73	23	2 30
Tobacco and cigars..	5,405 1/2	3,667	3,552 20
Wood and m'n's of.		2,771	828 50
Woolen m'n's.....		3,682	1,060 65
All other dutiable		29,928	6,599 23
articles.....		117	3
Total dutiable goods		\$156,767	\$56,189 23
Free goods, all other		51,523	
Grand total.....		\$208,290	\$56,189 23

EXPORTS

From the port of Victoria, for the month of January, 1892—the produce of Canada:

THE MINE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Coal.....	1,941	8,780
Gold bearing quartz, etc....		18,048
THE FISHERIES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Fish of all descriptions.....		14,412
ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCE.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Other animals.....		30
Cheese.....	400	61
Furs, dressed and undressed		14,383
Hides, skins, pelts, horns, etc		3,769
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.		
Fruits, green.....		800
Flour of wheat and rye, bls	500	2,238
MANUFACTURES.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Books.....		500
Wood m's of all kinds.....		15
Miscellaneous Articles—		
Opium peel, granulated rice		100
Grand total.....		\$ 64,462
Goods, not the product of Canada, for the month of January, 1892:	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
Animals and their produce—		
Furs or skins of creatures		
living in the water.....		7,027
Manufactures—		
Books.....		88
Manufactures of leather..		50
Machinery.....		35
Sewing machines.....	3	130
Wood—cabinet, house and		
office furniture.....		5
Wood—m's of all kinds..		1,034
Other articles.....		285
Miscellaneous articles—		
Rice.....		202
Opium peel, granulated rice		470
Coin and gold.....		4,887
Grand total.....		\$ 14,813
Total exports of all kinds.....		\$ 79,275

AN INVESTMENT FRAUD.

The American Progressive Investment Company, incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, is another of those catch-penny concerns which have endeavored to attach themselves to Eastern Canada, and are striving to suck the blood out of its people. This "company" has its head office in Toronto with branches at Ottawa, Montreal and St. John. It announces that it has "legal privileges as broker in stocks, mortgages, securities, shares; power to buy, sell or lease all sorts of property; to issue bonds and sell certificates, etc." The prospectus of the concern invites investors to "make a safe investment upon a scientific, economical basis, under a plan of protection in harmony with the progress of the age."

It is announced that lapses are not the sole basis on which the company carries on its business, nor does it aim, in any

sense, to be a life assurance company; but to give assurance to any who may be in doubt as to the legitimacy of its methods. It is provided that all moneys held for the redemption of certificates shall be deposited in Canadian banks and invested in Canadian securities only. The bait held out to investors was that every one who paid \$60 was to get at the end of each year \$100, first by "profitable investments" and, second, by "lapses of membership." This enterprise appears to be as bad as, if not worse than, the Louisiana lottery. In the latter, however, there would appear to have been a few—possibly very few—persons benefitted; but in the present, all that could be drawn out of the Canadian "investing public" was destined for the pockets of the schemers in New York, New Jersey or somewhere not very far from the banks of the Hudson River. It is said that already in Ottawa some 200 persons have subscribed from \$10 to \$50 each,

or an average of \$20 or a total of \$4,000 from—in Ottawa alone—the resources, no doubt principally of the officials whose business it is to attend to the affairs of the country. Glowing promises and eminently delusive inferences—the latter especially, among those who are making haste to be rich—were held out.

There are lots of humbugs, such as this, of which it would be well for the "investing" public to be wary. They were conceived in iniquity, born in sin, and have been and are carried on under such auspices and for such objects as are of the most reprehensible character. There are any quantity of excellent, though by no means expensive, investments in this Province. Some of our mines are not unduly capitalized, and the payments on stock are such as to render it easy for persons of even the most limited resources to keep the shares going with the certainty of good returns. Then there are bargains in property that are continually to be had, while for those who can undertake such matters, there are on every hand chances for going into business in a small way, such as can in few other places be discovered. Our advice and warning is for those who have funds to keep them at home and endeavor with their assistance to build up home industries that are not only under their own eyes, but are calculated to indirectly advance the public prosperity in other ways.—*B. C. Commercial Journal.*

CANADA'S BEST CUSTOMER.

In 1890 the total exports of Canada amounted to \$25,541,844, of which \$11,572,049 went to Great Britain and \$10,960,002 to the United States. In 1885 the total was \$19,256,270, Great Britain taking \$7,470,011, and the United States \$9,075,394. In 1880 the sum total was only \$10,197,348, Great Britain being our best customer by a little over a million and a quarter. For some years in the intervals the United States have consumed a somewhat larger proportion of our products, but at the present the mother country takes the biggest quantity of what we have to sell, and under the McKinley tariff is likely to continue to do so. The statistics from which we make the above extracts are official. Our exports, it is well to know, consisted of books, bread and biscuits, candles and soap, carriages, cottons, clothing, hats and caps, cordage, junk and oakum, furs, glass and earthenware, gypsum, lime and cement, scrap iron, iron and hardware, leather and manufactures of boots and shoes, machinery, musical instruments, oil cake, rags, sewing machines, wrought stone and marble, salt, tobacco, snuff and cigars, woollens, wood and manufactures of, ale and beer, whiskey, sundries, n.e.s. and ships are sold to other countries.

John B. Mather, a prominent commission merchant of Winnipeg, is dead.

H. T. Read & Co., hardware merchants, new Westminster, assigned on the 9th inst. The assets are composed of stock valued at about \$23,000 and book debts \$14,000. The liabilities are chattel mortgages \$28,000, and unsecured creditors about \$10,000.

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