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TALES OF THE TOWN.

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

THE coming World's Fair Exposition at Chicago, which is to be formally opened in May by President Cleveland, is at present being discussed all over America, a lively interest in the great fair being evinced by all residents of Victoria. Indeed, all the Province is interested in the show, especially so as a large proportion of the Canadian exhibit is made up of British Columbia products, some of the most important of which are from the capital city of the Province. Able descriptions of the fair and its wonders have already appeared in the various magazines, in books and in the daily press, but of necessity such 'advance notices' are brief, and in any case they can hardly do justice to so vast and varied a subject. To visit the fair in order to gain an adequate idea of its wonders will be the privilege of the few; *the many have neither the time nor the means to gratify the natural wish to 'take in the great show.'*

The above paragraph is taken from the *Victoria Colonist*, and suggests to my mind a scheme which I believe will recommend itself to every reader of THE HOME JOURNAL. It is quite certain that the 4,000 readers of this great moulder of public opinion cannot go to Chicago, so the next best thing is to send some person there to hear and see for all. Now, I propose to be this one and see with four thousand pairs of eyes and hear with four thousand pairs of ears. My proposition is this, I shall go to Chicago and make a close study of the departments of the exhibition and prepare a course of lectures upon it, which will be illustrated with plain and colored photographic views, enlarged to from one hundred to two hundred feet in diameter, and shown by means of powerful stereopticon—the collection of which shall be a leading aim of my visit.

In order to defray the expenses incident to the scheme, four thousand tickets to the four thousand subscribers of THE HOME JOURNAL will be issued at \$1 each, every ticket having fifty coupons, good for admission on as many consecutive nights. These four thousand one-dollar tickets will be non-transferable and will be on sale up to the first of May only. After that date tickets for the course will be issued at the rate of \$50 and singles at \$1 each. Not less than fifty lectures will be given, and, if more are arranged, the holders of those tickets will be enabled to buy others for the additional lectures at \$1 for one night or \$2 for two, which, after all, amounts to about the same thing.

It may be said that with a little economy this trip could be made on less than \$4,000; but this is a great mistake. If Chicago is the Chicago of old, \$4,000 will not buy a plain, unvarnished seat on the Board of Trade, not speaking of sundry visits to Al. Hankin's and Mike McDonald's. Again, it is not every one who can be trusted alone in Chicago. The citizens of the town by the lake devote much of their time incubating schemes by which to entrap the guileless stranger, and my object in acting as proxy for the four thousand readers of this great journal is prompted by a desire to deliver them from all evil.

The above scheme is not original with myself. I am indebted for its general outline and make-up to the young people up at Calvary Baptist Church. I say this so that if it occurs to any one that my "nerve" is abnormally developed and the "work coarse," the odium of it shall not fall altogether on my shoulders. Hurry up, gentlemen, and secure your coupons and avoid the great rush at the ticket wagon. In the meantime, my photographs will be on sale at all the book stores.

A correspondent draws attention to the fact that not a few young men from the eastern provinces are continually arriving here in search of employment, whose strongest claim is the fact that they belong to this or that athletic association. The rivalry between certain centres in lacrosse, base ball, cricket or football is so keen that even staid business men have made a point to find positions for young men occasionally to the disadvantage of some who had local training and experience, but who could not play ball. We are glad to see many sports encouraged to the utmost possible extent; but it is only fair to mention the matter referred to, albeit merchants know their own business best.

The vote for the new parliament buildings has been passed, and that by a thumping majority, as John Grant would say, despite the gunpowder speeches of Winchester Brown and other indignationists. All their indignation did them very little good, inspired as it plainly was mainly by a petty sectional jealousy, but it just showed how the wind blew, and what the people of the Island have to expect in the way of moral and other support, when any question affecting the material benefit or advancement of the Island is at stake. Although it is not well to stir up this spirit, it is just as well to remember, in a quiet way, all the nice little obligations we are under to the "indignationists" on the Mainland. Of course no one wishes to condemn the whole population of the Mainland portion of the Province for the narrowmindedness of the few bigots who oppose tooth and

nail everything that is not directly to their personal advantage. These men, however, were taught a severe lesson in Christian brotherliness and public spiritedness when the vote for the Fraser bridge came on for discussion. Mr. Brown was at the time up at Westminster, filibustering and "indignating," talking through his hat so to speak, about the favoritism to the Island, the deplorable extravagance and other terrible crimes of the Government, when he should have been at his post assisting that Government in their work of benefitting his particular part of the Province. Happily they did not need his help; the members both of the Opposition and Government, the much favored Island and the Mainland, were in unity in favor of the work; and Mr. Brown, or the indignationists, never apologised for or explained their unmanly and ungenerous conduct.

While my hand is in the pie of politics, I might as well say a word or two with regard to the treatment of the Dominion Government. I do not usually care to dabble in politics, except when the direct interests of the people are neglected, and the interests of Victoria have been sadly neglected by the men at Ottawa till quite recently. I am glad to see, however, that they are being roused to a sense of their conduct, and whether it is from the effect which an approaching election has upon the Government, or from a sense of the wrong they have done Victoria in the past, I do not care much, so long as we get what we are entitled to. Their coming forward now will have no effect on my vote personally, nor do I think it will on the vote of any honest intelligent citizen who has the welfare of the city and Province at heart. Anyhow, the appropriations that have been given out for Victoria this year are sadly needed; they come in a very good time for them, and I hope they will be turned to good account; that hoodlers will be kept far in the background, and that the working man, who goodness knows needs it, will get the benefit of the expenditures.

Anglomania, or anglo phobia, has broken out with increased vigor since I announced a few weeks since that the Prince of Wales would visit this country. The disease has assumed various shapes, but its severity is not such as to warrant the interference of the Government to quell it; I think the city will be fully able to cope with it. Indeed, I think the visitation will be a benefit than otherwise, especially in Victoria, where there are so many maniacs now that it has been found necessary to establish an Anglo-maniac Club in the Adelphi Block. One gentleman, a wise man from the east, and well up in legal circles, has been struck

with the mania, in the shape of a hallucination that he resembles the Prince of Wales, in facial expression, the cut of the beard, and in general physical outline. To this end he cultivates all the little fads and fancies in a small way of the hair apparent, especially in the matter of dress. This recalls to mind the fact that the gentleman in question is not the only one laboring under the impression that he is the dual form of the Queen's eldest. I have a friend who used to live in Minneapolis, who could not be disabused of the idea. So strongly had it taken root that he furnished himself with a capacious, elegantly upholstered chair, which he called the throne, and in this he sat in regal state, receiving with lordly—I beg his pardon—princely disdain those of the common rabble who happened to call on him.

Scarcity of space, and perhaps something else last week prevented my referring to a very pleasant evening I spent, thanks to the princely hospitality of my friend Mr. A. W. Taylor. There was just a select few around the festive board, and we had a delicious time. The conversation was purely reminiscent, anecdotal at times, but mainly of the lives and adventures of the host and his guests. Mr. Taylor makes an excellent host, witty, good-humored, happy in his associations, and the soul of geniality. When I have a little more time at my disposal, the readers of these columns shall have the benefit of the wit and humor that flowed around that hospitable board. It was, to use the words of the Chicago poet "out of sight."

Advice, given in the proper spirit, and accepted ditto, is a very good thing, but like all commodities of that nature, it is apt to be overdone. Take the patronizing Britisher, who comes here in all the glory so eloquently depicted by Mr. Joseph Hunter, and who grumbles because he does not find everything as it is at "howme." Somebody wrote to one of the ~~daily papers the other day~~ complaining about the want of a proper system of street nomenclature. This is an old grievance, not only to the stranger, but to the actual resident of many years' standing, and it is one which the Council with peculiar obstinacy refuses to remove. It would cost a little to do it, but then there are many hundreds of dollars frittered away at the City Hall which could be infinitely better spent in getting proper street signs. This is a matter which I have had occasion to refer to before. But this is a digression; I was speaking about the giving and taking of advice. It is all very well for a stranger to come here and point out the defects in our municipal system; but when the same individual comes along to correct our mode of expression, I draw the line. It is of no consequence to him or anyone else whether I call a building a block or a hippopotamus; it is the custom of the country, and the residents of all classes understand that expression. We do not go to England and tell the people that they should say "mail" and not "post," "railroad" and not "railway," "loco-

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motive" and not "engine," "street car" and not "tram car;" such a piece of dictation would be deemed the height of impertinence, and this case in question is but another exhibition of the patronizing Britisher, who condescends to look down with pitying contempt on "those Colonists."

St. Andrew's Church people assembled, the other day, and buried the hatchet, the ceremony being performed with much rejoicing, and many tears of joy were shed by the combatants at the happy termination of their campaign. It strikes me that, in the event of war breaking out afresh, it would be cheaper to buy a new hatchet instead of resurrecting that old one, the edge of which struck against some awfully nasty snags in the tribal war just closed. Just fancy the knots of Christian charity, brotherly love, truth and righteousness that hatchet went through in the course of the last few weeks. But now, thank goodness, hostilities have ceased, and all is joy and peace once more; the kickers are at rest, and the kicked have duly forgiven their assailants. It was a very interesting exhibition while it lasted, and though there was not much science in it, the enthusiasm and vigor that character-

ized the whole play, more than made up for any little clumsiness that manifested itself. I was a close observer of the proceedings, during which several little documents have fallen into my hands, quite by accident. One is an abstract financial statement of the assets of the church, and from a perusal of this debtor and creditor sheet, one cannot but be struck with the remarkable promptness of payment, and the exceeding generosity of the economists. Why one of these reformers has paid promptly in advance for the last three years; and the assertion that some of the reformers had forgotten to pay their subscriptions, I am glad to say, is an unmitigated slander. They have one and all contributed freely and largely to the coffers of the church.

I am informed that the contractors for Point Comfort Hotel have sent up 20 men to work on the building, which will be completed within the course of a month or so. A wharf with a frontage of 100 feet, will be constructed immediately. This will make it possible for the Alaska and other large steamers to call at Port Comfort.

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Of the voice there at the 'phone
That the girl could be the idol
Of his heart;
Sweet and smiling soul beguiling,
Just the one to set a'flying
Cupid's dart.

But cool reason, gently chiding,
Tells me I should keep in hiding,
And not seek to find the owner
Of the voice;
For she's probably quite homely,
Or, if reasonably comely,
Not so choice.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The closing assembly of the Iolantha club will be given in the Philharmonic Hall, Friday evening, April 7th.

A fashionable wedding has been announced to take place in Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday, April, 5th.

Mr. F. B. Williams and Mrs. Smith, will be married Sunday in St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. Father Nicolaye.

The Victoria Canoe Club will hold an auction sale of racks, at 2 p. m., Saturday, at the Club House, James Bay.

Quite an interest is being taken in the cruise of the Victoria Canoe Club, which takes place on Saturday afternoon, April 8th. A large turn out of the members of the Club is assured if the weather is any way favorable.

The Samaritan Ball, on Tuesday evening April 4th, in the Philharmonic Hall, promises to be quite a pleasant affair. The ladies of the committee are untiring in their efforts to make it successful and worthy of the object for which it is gotten up.

On Wednesday, April 5th, the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, will give a concert in the schoolroom, Broughton street. A good programme has been prepared and if talent ensures success the concert should be an enjoyable one. The following persons have consented to take part: Madame Laird, Mrs. Belyea, Mrs. W. W. Clark, Miss O'Neill. Messrs. J. G. Brown, Godfrey Booth and A. Brownlee, vocalists; Misses Laura Adams, Edith Wilson, and F. Leitch, piano; Mr. Earnest Wolff, L. C. M., violin; Prof. Geddes, guitar; and Mr. Wm. Allan a recitation. The young ladies of the church will appear in some tableaux.

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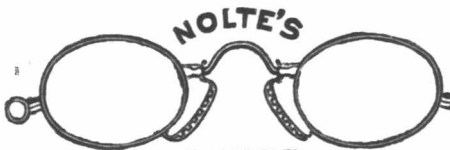
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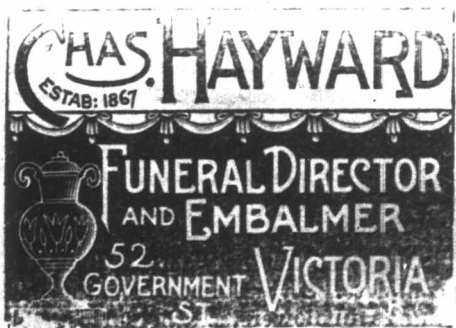
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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

THE latest hat is bat-shaped. It is, of course, a woman's hat. The man's hat is expected to accommodate the whole brick.

GREENLAND has no cats. How thankful Greenlanders should be. Imagine cats in a country where the nights are six months long.

WHY is it dangerous to walk out in the early springtime? Because the bulrushes out, the cowslips about, the flowers all have pistils, and everything shoots.

JOHN LOURIE, who recently died in a penniless condition in a New York hospital, was at one time worth \$2,000,000. But he could not "leave well enough alone" and wasted his means in backing his opinions on the fluctuations of the grain market. He was swamped in the wheat pit.

IF the pugilist Mitchell shall be permitted to stay in America, it will not be the first instance of toleration of a ruffian and convict. Besides, many worthy people would like to have him stay awhile. Deep in their hearts is a fond wish that he and Corbett may abate each other.

THE Goulds are reported to be trying to evade payment of taxes. They declare that they have no personal property. In this extremity the great public heart will go out to the orphan boys in a wave of sympathy. Possibly some arrangement could be made by which they can acquire a little personal property and the taxes be met by popular subscription.

THE Montreal *Witness*, speaking of Mr. Post's lecture, says: "Mr. Louis F. Post is a clear, logical, and extremely careful speaker, as a man should be who undertakes to instruct others in reasoning on the relations of man and his environment. In his hands the dry, dismal science of political economy became deeply, intensely interesting, and, as he proceeded, wondrously luminous. Starting from the first elementary principle, he showed how all wealth is the result of labor applied to land, and with the aid of simple, but ingenious diagrams, made his meaning so clear that a child could follow him with ease."

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

A LONDON, England, correspondent writes:

In acceding to your request for a letter to suit the ladies it will please them to learn that Lady Aberdeen, the next Canadian Governor-General's wife, has just returned from an Irish tour. Her ladyship is quite as popular in Ireland as in Canada, and if such a thing were possible her latest efforts on behalf of Irish industries, chiefly lace and linen, have increased the sum of Irish affection for her. No doubt Canadian ladies will find their interest in these artistic and beautiful fabrics quickened by Lady Aberdeen's residence at Ottawa.

The sensible and popular blouse bodice shows no signs of taking its departure. It will in fact be more than ever popular this spring. I have seen a pretty blouse in reseda surah which has the yoke embroidered in gold on a net foundation and is finished at the waist with a full empire belt fastening with a bow at the side. Another is in red China silk flecked with white, the collar being of white serge cut with two sharply defined points both back and front.

The prettiest spring hats are a combination of lace and straw. They are charmingly picturesque in a shape composed of black lace and bordered round the wide brim with coarse straw in chartreuse green, a band of the same likewise encircling the crown. For trimming there is a large bow of shaped green ribbon and a handful of green wheat, held together by a gold buckle.

A fascinating spring bonnet has a dainty crown, composed of a kind of gold filigree. The soft velvet edge is of yellow, tinged with apricot, and over it a shower of gold. A coquettish cluster of feathers and ospreys, shading from yellow to white, gives height to the capote in front.

In the spring, nothing but pelerines reaching a trifle below the waist will be seen. These are very full and have a gathered cape on the shoulders, which has the effect of an Elizabethan frill. A smart cape of green cloth made in this fashion and outlined with jet trimming, has the shoulder cape of velvet and is lined with shot mauve silk.

Fur trimming for evening wear seems to be rapidly disappearing, and except interwoven with pearl embroidery on an occasional white satin, is absent now from really fashionable drawing rooms.

It is curious how popular velvet sleeves have become, and although not worn as full as they were a few months back, still attain fair proportions. Two-thirds of the ladies seen in the best drawing rooms of London appear with velvet sleeves.

Diamonds seem to have given way to pearls, which are very much worn this season. The difficulty is to get them, so scarce are they becoming.

CANADIENNE.

DRESS SILKS, VELVETS, ETC.

Satin finished weaves grow in favor.

Semi-lustrous peau de soie is in favor for evening wear.

Crepe Mireille is one of the latest things in French crepes.

Surahs are always good. They are

never out of style. They are in favor now.

The ombre effect is a general favorite, being found in silks and ribbons of all kinds.

Pansy velvet and Bishop purple are Parisian favorites in both costumes and millinery.

China crepe is being used in large quantities by Parisian modistes, including the great Worth.

Some of the latest productions in white silks have shaded stripes, tiny figures and delicate cross-bars of black.

Small figured brocades, in Empire, Pompadour, Louis XV., and Dresden patterns, in changeable effects, are among the leaders.

In the class "Aqua," or silks with watered grounds, are shown velvet palms, water-cresses, sea weeds, and like aqueous plants and flowers.

The *American Silk Journal* says that palm-leaf designs, lovely satin brocades of a pale clover-pink shade, sprinkled with sprays of clover in a deeper shade, and trailing vines, stems and leaves, black grenadines with linen and figures in satin and velvet effects; new style bengalines, cross-corded, giving a honeycomb effect; black gauzes sown with small colored dots, diagonal stripes, garnished by tiny sprays of flowers, on a white satin ground, crinkly horizontal cords, shaded effects in various weaves, the shading forming two wide stripes, separated by a large dark stripe in the middle, and with narrower borders of the same color, are among the features of the display of the newest things in dress silks.

THE SPRING OPENING.

Since our last issue, says the *B. C. Commercial Journal*, the leading dry goods houses of Victoria have had their Spring Millinery opening and, it is said, some specially pleasing things have been displayed. The range of color, shapes and styles is, so the authorities say, wider than has been known for years. The colors that have been fixed upon as the thing are greens, heliotropes magentas and mauves. To appreciate the particular shades they must be seen. Large hats will be specially popular and crinkled shapes will be in demand. Bonnets are numerous in their assortment, almost all kinds having their admirers and patrons. As for trimmings, Irish point lace has been declared to be *en vogue*, and Chantilly lace is to be used in combinations. Wide silk ribbons and wide ribbons made of straw are much fancied. As concerns details, the milliners must be consulted and the samples inspected.

DRY GOODS.

The *Toronto Empire* says: "This week has been a very active one in most departments of the wholesale dry goods

trade. The milder weather has induced merchants to examine their spring stocks, and to send in repeats for lines which promise to have a good sale. There have been quite a number of buyers about, and there were a satisfactory number of letter orders. The movement has been chiefly in leading staples, including shirtings, prints, gray and white cottons, etc. Dress goods have also received a fair share of attention. Woollens and tailors' trimmings show no change, but the demand is satisfactory; the merchant tailors in the city say that they are becoming busy, and this is beginning to tell on the stocks in the wholesale houses. More attention is being given to waterproof garments and umbrellas, as the season when they will be more frequently required approaches. Values in all departments continue steady. Silks and cottons are firm, and there are no complaints of cutting; at present prices these lines are generally regarded as safe purchases. The war between the cotton spool manufacturers still rages. There are no lower quotations, but prices may go up or down at any moment. Chadwicks have issued a circular saying: 'Rumors that we are about to join the Central agency being in circulation, we beg to say that there is no foundation whatever for the report. We have always conducted our business on thoroughly independent lines and shall continue to do so, trusting in the excellent quality of our cotton to gain and keep our customers.' The travellers are now making up samples preparatory to starting on a sorting trip. They are all in good spirits, for the trade have bought much more freely than for many years past. Retailers have had a good winter's business. Their stocks are well in hand—never were better. They have come down to the sensible idea of buying goods when they want them, not speculating in quantities. They pay for goods on maturity as a rule. Travellers now get an order any time they call. One of the oldest travellers on the road said to-day that he never saw business on a more satisfactory basis. There were quite a good 'jag' of bills due last Saturday and jobbers report results as satisfactory as far as Ontario is concerned, but hardly up to the average from Manitoba and the Northwest. The wholesale dry goods section of the Board of Trade have issued a circular saying that the following terms have been adopted, all sales to be on a four months' basis: Discounts—6 p. c., 10 days, 1st following month; 5 p. c., 30 days, 1st following month; 3 p. c., 60 days, 1st following month; over 60 days, discount allowed at the rate of 7 p. c., per annum for the unexpired term."

AMONG the arrivals in Victoria, Sunday evening, were Mr. A. F. Gault, of the well known Montreal dry goods house, of Gault Brothers & Co., and one of the leading men interested in the Canadian Cotton Industry. He is accompanied by Mr. Morrice, also a cotton man of considerable prominence and a partner in the firm of D. Morrice & Co. In conversation they said neither of them had previously visited the Pacific Coast though doing considerable business here. They had come out in the first place to California, and had taken advantage of the opportunity to survey the situation in this Province. It is not unlikely that Mr. Gault and those with whom he is associated may become substantially interested in some of our enterprises.

GOOD PAY, SLOW PAY, NO PAY.

Horace Greeley was particularly bitter against lawyers, and insisted the whole guild ought to be suppressed. If he had been asked which he would suppress first, the lawyers or the slave trade, it is probable the negroes would have had to wait their turn. In a discussion in which the other side maintained the cause of the legal brotherhood, the question was propounded to the great newspaper philosopher, "But if there was no lawyers, how would you collect your debts?"

"I would not collect them. I never do collect them. I never have any to collect, I never part with my property until I get my money," snapped the sage of the *Tribune* tripod.

If the grocery trade would adopt this rule the profits of the business would be larger and failures fewer. The *North-west Trade*, published at Minneapolis, gives this as coming from a grocery man, "In looking over my book accounts aggregating something like 2,300, at one time I found it easy to classify them as, one-third good pay; one-third slow pay; one-third don't pay. Now, the first third of that business had some profit in it; the second third, the slow pay, virtually ate up its own profit; and the last, of course, was a dead loss. Under these circumstances I reached the conclusion that it would be good business to only sell to the first third, and those who were good pay and afforded some profit. I would do a small but profitable business, and I could count on reducing two-thirds of my expenses."

VALUE OF SPECIALTIES.

According to a London journal, the advantage, in an advertising sense, of becoming identified with a specialty of some kind is not as much appreciated as it might be. To illustrate more clearly, it refers to a man who, having taken up bent iron and pushing it energetically, and identifying himself with it as a specialty, has come to be known as "The Bent-Iron Man." There is money value in such a popular designation; a "good will" in a name. It provokes inquiry, and every explanation is a free advertisement. Not everybody can be so fortunate as to attach himself to a special line of business which will stand sponsor to so pat a name as this, but practically there is no tradesman who cannot make a leading feature of something which will differentiate him from his brethren in the same trade. Manufacturers understand the value of specialties or acquiring a name for certain special lines. The worthiest man may bury himself in a dull level of conventionality. If he would attract attention he must do something that nobody else is doing at the moment. A visit was made to an ironmonger, who set up his shop in a town already fairly well supplied with hardware dealers of the legitimate and illegitimate sort. He instinctively felt the need of floating his venture with the aid of a specialty. He decided upon guns and ammunition, though the town was not a centre for sportsmen by any means, and he knew very little about guns. But he went into the branch with energy, and his specialty has been his salvation. Doubtless

readers could supply much cumulative testimony to the same effect. The world is so very busy that it will not need the ordinary blandishments that were once sufficient for the tradesman. He must, metaphorically speaking, sound the trumpet or wave a flag.

THE SALMON INDUSTRY.

It is announced from the Fraser River that, in view of the contracts which have been entered into for this season, there is a regular war among the canners and the price of fish as paid to the fisherman is such that so far it is impossible to make any money. Indeed, the salmon cost much more than can be realized out of them. A recent Westminster dispatch said: "The war among fish exporters still continues, though no advance beyond yesterday's price was offered. It is believed an arrangement will be reached shortly whereby a reasonable scale of prices will be arranged. As the Eastern market stands at present, exporters will lose four to five cents per pound on fish bought at the prices ruling now. As this sort of thing cannot go on long, the war is bound to be short-lived."

Our contemporary the *Montreal Trade Review* apropos to the Columbia River combine which it has mistaken as belonging to this Province has undertaken to make a few pleasant observations with respect to this important department of provincial industry. It gives the figures of the British Columbia output from 1876 when the pack was only 9,847 cases down to the present time as follows:

1877	67,387
1878	113,601
1879	61,093
1880	61,849
1881	177,276
1882	255,061
1883	196,292
1884	141,242
1885	108,517
1886	161,264
1887	204,083
1888	184,040
1889	414,294
1890	409,464
1891	314,893
1892	228,470

It observes that British Columbia has won and deservedly a world-wide reputation while the companies interested have made handsome profits.—*B. C. Commercial Journal*.

There are numerous changes in the Dominion Immigration Department. The amalgamation, previously announced, of the agencies will effect a saving of \$50,000 this year, but, on the other hand, additional expense will be incurred by the agents who will accompany each immigrant train as it proceeds through the country. An immigration propaganda is also to be vigorously prosecuted in the United States. Meantime the steamship lines have increased the cost of steerage passages across the Atlantic; but it is contemplated to bring across some 500 servant girls, half of whose expenses will be borne by the Government, the other half being remitted by the transportation companies. It is to be presumed that if there be anything by way of advantage in this servant girl movement, British Columbia will not be left out in the cold, since we have as much interest in it, proportionately, as our fellow citizens in the more easterly provinces.

FOREIGN COAL SHIPMENTS.

For the present at least, it does not appear likely that the British Columbia coal trade with San Francisco will be in any way augmented, the English and Australian article, owing to low freights, being able to meet the Nanaimo and Wellington product at a lower rate than it can be delivered at that point. The authority for this is no mere speculator, but a gentleman who is largely interested in the business, being Mr. Rosenfeld, of San Francisco, who holds a considerable amount of stock in the New Vancouver Coal Company. Could freight rates be reduced a trifle, it is said a still larger number of miners might be profitably employed and a much greater output disposed of. Meantime the people at the Union mines are increasing their facilities for loading ships with coke, an excellent quality of which is, as is well known, produced in the Comox district.

The following are the shipments for the week ending March 25:—

NEW VANCOUVER COAL CO. SHIPPING.		
Date.	Vessel and Destination.	Tons.
20.	General Fairchilds, bark, San Francisco	2,375
20.	Mogul, str. Port Townsend	27
21.	Pioneer, str., Port Townsend	36
21.	Tacoma, str., Port Townsend	46
22.	Carrollton, bark, San Pedro	2,364
22.	Occidental, ship, Ounalaska	2,413
23.	Mogul, str., Port Townsend	30
24.	Louis Walsh, ship, San Francisco	2,276
Total		9,567

The British representative at Washington has, we notice, been raised from the diplomatic rank of Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary to that of Ambassador, Sir Julian Pauncefote having been, moreover, duly recognized by the foreign ministers as dean of the corps.

In last week's *British Columbia Gazette*, appeared the notices of no less than thirteen applications for coal prospector's licenses, the majority of them being for operations on Saturna Island, while others wish to turn their attention to the North Thompson River country in Lillooet, and still others to the Osoyoos division of Yale.

VICTORIA enterprise is, it is understood taking a departure in the direction of China where, in the city of Hong Kong, Messrs. Turner, Dunlevy, Dupont, Byrnes, Kirk and others have acquired the franchise for a street car system which Mr. T. F. Sinclair is about to inaugurate. Electricity is likely to supply the motive power.

BRITISH COLUMBIA canners have by this time learned, and no doubt with extreme satisfaction, that the Canned Goods Act amendment is not to be applied to this Province this year. The object is to have the labels for the goods imprinted with the word "Canada," and also to have the name and address of the packers and the year in which the packing took place. The canners have, as a matter of course, already received their labels, and it would not only be a matter of expense but of delay to have them printed over again. How is it, we may ask, that in connection with many changes affecting British Columbia interests—notably the sealing industry of unhappy memory and still continued dissatisfaction—our people cannot be notified in time of the changes that are contemplated?—*Commercial Journal*.

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ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

EUREKA! I have found out the identity of J. N. Muir. An anonymous friend sent to my address (Campbell's Corner) the "Final report of the Select Committee on Education" from which I gather some very interesting details, but which are not very amusing to the general public. It presents the "notorious John N. Muir," as he styles himself, in a very contemptible light. The evidence of Prof. Wilson, the inspector of schools, is particularly spicy reading. Four out of five of the members of the commission sat on him properly in their report, and to sum it up the gist of it is contained in the last line, like the postscript to a lady's letter, which says, "that for a considerable time he was not a fit and proper person to have charge of any public school." The late Hon. John Robson says in his evidence that J. N.'s "conduct was, in my opinion, on account of his mental equipment being out of order," in other words, off his chump. Well, enough of this man. I shall not immortalize him any more in my effusions to THE HOME JOURNAL, but let him sink into oblivion. The Presbyterians will have no truck with him, neither will I.

I am very glad to see the Macleod enquiry has ended so amicably, and the birds in their little nest agree again, for if they didn't they are sure to fall out. Everybody shook hands with everybody, and happiness reigns in St. Andrew's where before there was chaos and rebellion. The Rev. gentleman has been found "not guilty," and he is never to do it again, and, as a reward, has been granted three months' leave of absence, which many of the congregation would be glad to see extended for an unlimited period, even years, or, "may be, for ever."

I see the proprietor of a certain shop in Store street that was burned out a short time ago, has sought "fresh fields and pastures new." Let us hope, in the land of the brave and the free, he will rise, Phoenix-like, "A thousand beacons from the spark he bore."

Spring has come again and it does me good to see everybody, who has anything in the shape of a garden, getting it into order, but it is a melancholy sight to see Mongolians employed

in them all, while scores of white men are begging for a job. Now, Mr. Editor, if I had my way, I would take the poll tax off Chinamen altogether and put a tax of one thousand dollars a head on every one who employed them. In my humble opinion, that would settle the Chinese question in very short order. I would boycott every lumber yard and every store and hotel that employed them. I see Chinamen have taken to dying without any apparent reason. No disease or anything—just go to bed and shuffle off this mortal coil. This is another matter for political economists to take into consideration in settling this vexed question.

Victoria is going to boom again. The question of the capital is settled, and, with our new government buildings, new post office and British Pacific Railway, to say nothing of our own Victoria and Sydney Railway, things will go ahead. In a very short time, the roar of the "unemployed" will be a thing of the past. "Demagogues" will find their occupation gone and real estate men *et hoc genus omne* will be happy. Men will once more be able to pay for their newspapers and some for their advertisements, which will spread alike a glow of sunshine in the sanctum of the Editor down to the buzzum of the printer's devil. Beaven will be the only one to be miserable for he will have nothing to find fault with, and he can't even blame Davie for the turn things are taking, McKenzie will cease asking questions in the House, some say the only thing he can do, in fact he is known as the asterisk. Punch will get a bridge over the Fraser, and the new Minister will not have to be "chosen from the Opposition."

I never look at our new drill shed but it inspires me with a feeling of awe. I should think there is room enough in it to drill 20,000 troops and the commanding officer would need a spy glass and a speaking trumpet as part of his equipment. But the roof is what thrills the heart of every loyal Victorian. I am told that Col. Prior, M. P., commanding the Victoria district, plainly told the Government at Ottawa if he did not have slates instead of shingles, as proposed, he would not only resign his seat in the Dominion Parliament, but would re-

sign his command as well. Think of this! It almost makes me weep when I think of what *might* have occurred. Her Majesty would have lost one of her best and bravest soldiers, and the Dominion a loss that could never be repaired. But all's well that ends well; we have still got our Colonel, and the slates, and the drill shed; but what we are going to do with the latter is beyond me. If we are going to have a little world's fair of our own, I think there is plenty room for all the exhibits

The photographers, I see, are having a merry time of it. No sooner does one come down to \$3.50 a dozen, and distributed all his dodgers and spent all his spare cash in advertising, than another comes down to \$3; then Jones goes one better and brings down the price to \$2. Go it, ye cripples; when it comes down to 50 cents a dozen I'll get one of myself done for my mother-in-law, which I have always refused to do hitherto on the score of expense. I wish the barbers, tobacconists and saloon keepers would take a leaf out of this photographic album. I never heard of butchers or bakers taking a hand at this sort of euchre, or any other tradesman that could confer a benefit on the public.

I must now draw my "notes" to a close. I have to be up very early in the morning to inspect Supt. Hussey and his band of "warriors bold" off in the Quadra. He does not take a large army with him, but numbers are nothing; he depends on the righteousness of his cause and remembers that "Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just." One of them has solemnly promised, even if he is the sole survivor, to give me an accurate account of the expedition, which I shall communicate to the 4,000 readers of THE HOME JOURNAL in due course.

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

CHAPTER IV.

AND in due time the Grand Council of the Sanhedrem having remitted the charges and counter charges which had been exchanged between the high priest of the Church of the Scotsmen and the elders of the congregation to the grand district gathering of presbyters, that august body gathered with all due pomp and circumstance in the synagogue of St. Andrew. And a goodly number were present both of saints and sinners.

2 ¶ But when he who had been appointed to preside over and direct the deliberations of the Council called upon them to join together in praise and supplication and thanksgiving, it was hard to discover those who were the elect and those who were not.

3 ¶ Then said the ruler of the Council, what do I hear? It is not meet that these things be so. It is a scandal of which I have the complaint, wherefore those who are our enemies wag their heads and revile us, saying that we no longer live together in peace and unity.

4 ¶ Then up arose one, whose name being interpreted is Bawl-on-Time, and demanded that nothing be concealed and that all the records be produced.

5 And Robert the son of Mickin required that persons whose list is as long as the moral law be called upon to give true and faithful testimony.

6 But this was not pleasing to the Saint called after Patrick, who with much weeping lifted up his voice and protested.

7 Then said Bawl-on-Time, let him that is without sin against you cast a stone at me and my friends.

8 And the Council said, 'tis well.

9 All that he said with the declarations of those who raised their standards against him whose it was to serve the altar and thence breathe forth threatenings and slaughter, behold are they not written in the chronicles of the people as written in the books of Ell-Gisan and churchman.

10 And the evening and the morning were the first day.

11 ¶ And on the second the Saint stretched forth his hand and order having been created where had been tumult, opened his mouth in parable—how that he who with ten talents had gained other ten ought not to be cast

into outer darkness as he who had wrapped up his one talent and buried it in the earth. But like Jerusalem, which had killed the prophets and slain all those who were sent into them, what was there to be expected from a stiff-necked and perverse people both in heart and ears?

12 ¶ Had not the meekest man in all the earth come short of the promises, and what had they to do with him, had he not always been slow to anger and of great kindness?

13 No longer could one take no thought for the morrow; ravens fed prophets no more and raiments like Solomon's were not to be gathered in the fields.

14 And the whole congregation arose and said 'tis well!

15 ¶ Then said the Saint, these things being so, I cannot live on what ye consent to pay; I cannot dig and to beg I am ashamed. What must I do? The children of this world are wiser than the children of the light, in matters that are of the earth, earthy.

16 And he lifted up his voice and wept.

17 Then arose much conversation, and witnesses declared of what they had seen and pretended to know.

18 ¶ Then the Council withdrew into the inner court and, after long consideration, arose when the night was far spent and the daylight at hand.

19 ¶ On the morrow, the further work of the Council was undertaken, and, after much thought, much sorrow and much supplication, all were enjoined to seek the things that make for peace.

20 Are not all these things known, and are they not given for our learning so that he that thinketh he standeth may take heed lest he fall, while those that read may learn that the ways of the Council are not those of men, but that in all concerns the golden rule prevails.

21 If thine enemy smite thee on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.

22 Then was there great rejoicing in those days, and, falling on the neck of the Saint, they all kissed him, save several sors of Belial who were of the earth, earthy, and they thought not on their latter end.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

SHERIDAN'S comedians, at the Victoria Theatre next Friday night, will doubtless attract a large

audience. The company have received the highest praise not only from the press of this continent, but also of Australia, where they travelled for years.

Paris is wild with disappointment over the loss of their celebrated chanteuse and danseuse, M'lle Blanche Siegrist, now en tour with John F. Sheridan's Company of Comedians.

All the singing and dancing sou-brettes of the stage look with envy upon Gracie Whiteford, the acknowledged queen, and the great reputation she has already earned in this country since her arrival from Australia and England with John F. Sheridan's Company of Players.

Of the Georgia Minstrels, the Sacramento *Record-Union* says: "A better minstrel performance than was given by the Georgia Colored Minstrel Troupe at the Metropolitan Theatre last evening, one rarely sees. The success of the company is in a large sense due to the fact that the management keeps the company to old-time and plantation acts and music. So well and thoroughly is this true, that hearing the Georgias last night was like stepping back to the days of genuine negro minstrelsy of the "Jump, Jim Crow," days. Mr. Richards, the manager, has struck the key note of success, by keeping his troupe out of the sentimental and down to genuine plantation and river boat minstrelsy, with just so much of addition as those gave it who first took it upon the stage in burlesque."

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