

LEGISLATIVE OPENING

SPEECH AWAITED WITH MUCH INTEREST

Legislature to Proceed With Business of Session Tomorrow—The First Caucus

The inauguration of the first session of British Columbia's twelfth parliament at 3 o'clock this afternoon, gives every indication of being one of the most brilliant and one might almost say epochal events of the character of this western province.

The selection of Hon. M. Eberts as Speaker of the new house already has been indicated as a matter of unanimous agreement. Who is the leader of His Majesty's loyal Opposition is quite another question, and this one possibly will be decided as for business in parliament, so that no sage conclusion can be made upon the arrangement of the business of the session.

It has been decided to follow the business practice of recent years, by attacking the business of the session without unnecessary delay. The House will not of course take up any public business until after the opening of the session, but the opening of the session will be entered upon, Mr. Eberts' address, and the nomination of his Honor's address.

The Hall of Parliament is looking its best for the great event of the past, forces of renovators and polishers have been busily engaged under the official side, Captain E. H. Arms Sanders. The main entrance bears a sheen like unto burnished gold.

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OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—At the conference yesterday on the conservation of natural resources, Hon. Clifford Sifton advocated the creation of two forest reservations, the first on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains; the second embracing Ontario provincial forest land south of the height of land from Sudbury to Port Arthur.

SECOND COMET

New Celestial Visitor Said to Be Plain to Naked Eye Immediately After Sunset

SAN JOSE, Cal., Jan. 19.—Astronomer R. G. Aiken, of the Lick observatory, gave the following statement for the Associated Press: "The comet discovered in South Africa a day or two ago is brighter than the planet Venus."

Death in Train Week. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 19.—Louis Jackson was killed and several others were injured today by the derailment of a passenger train on the Kentucky railroad, at its junction with the Lexington and Eastern railroad.

Montreal Civic Elections. MONTREAL, Jan. 19.—Tomorrow is the last day for nominations for the civic elections, and there is great activity shown in the various wards.

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MORE GAINS IN ELECTIONS

Unionists Capture a Few Seats in the Contests of Yesterday

STILL NEED MANY SEATS FOR VICTORY. One District Changes in Wales—Some Returns in Detail. LONDON, Jan. 19.—All the returns of today's elections which are likely to be received tonight show that the Unionists gain five seats in the House of Commons.

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INSURANCE BILL

British Actuaries Ask to Be Heard Before Committee on Changes Asked

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—When the Senate sub-committee resumed consideration of the Insurance Bill this morning, J. K. Macdonald, of the Life Officers' Association, informed the committee that British actuaries desired to be heard, and would send witnesses to Canada for the purpose of exhibiting which would, he said, be a benefit to British companies.

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LATE PURCHASE OF FISHERY CRUISER

New Immigration Bill is Explained by Minister of Interior

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W. H. SMITH IS AGAIN A DERELICT

American Ship Breaks Tow Line and Lies at Mercy of Seas

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PRARIE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED

Anticipated Increase in Realty Activity—Lumber Company Buys Waterfront

Within the next few days a large number of people from the prairie provinces will arrive in the city and with their advent a further impetus will be given to the realty market.

The demand for local property continues to grow. Agents report a brisk business in realty here while numerous pieces of inside property are being sold during the next few days.

Day & Boggs sold two blocks of acreage at Gordon Head. One of these pieces was purchased by a prairie man who will build houses on his new property.

Under the title of the National Realty Company, which has been known resident of the city, has opened in the real estate business.

The new firm has secured offices with those occupied by Messrs. Hall & Goepel, at 132 Government street.

Mr. Cameron, manager of the company, states that the north coast trading business of that concern has been made.

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CHEERFUL NEWS FROM KOOTENAYS

Editor of Nelson News in City for Opening of the Session

"Times are good in the Kootenays and promise to continue so" was the cheery remark of W. J. Garland Foster, editor of the Nelson Daily News, who arrived in Victoria last evening to be present at the opening of the legislative session.

"The good crop of the past year has not only increased the demand for lumber but has also made collections exceptionally good."

The fire originated between the private apartments reserved for the Sultan and the chamber of deputies, and it is believed the cause was a defective heating apparatus, although reports are current that reactionary reactionaries are in the city for every class of property.

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LOCAL OPTION RECOUNT GOES ON

Percentage of Gain Disappointing to Advocates of Measure—Alleged Humor

Excellent progress was made yesterday with the official count before the Deputy Provincial Secretary, Mr. Campbell-Heddie, of the ballots cast for and against Local Option.

The net gain for Local Option at the end of the second day's count was 284, 30,218, still leaving the cause championed by the Local Option League 1,304 votes short of the required percentage to win, with 17,707 votes.

The new industry of the Kootenays, fruit-growing, is making rapid progress, although its importance is perhaps not generally appreciated.

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MAGNETS GO EAST AGAIN

Mackenzie and Mann Leave Vancouver Homeward Bound by Different Routes

Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, president and vice-president of the Canadian Northern, have left Vancouver on their eastward way, the former going by the C. P. R., accompanied by Messrs. Philip and Hiam, intending to call at Edmonton and Calgary.

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LONGBOAT AND SMALLWOOD TO COMPETE

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SEVERELY BUFFETED

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TURKEY'S HEAVY LOSS

Building in Which Parliament Met Destroyed by Fire—Documents Are Burned

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BETTING QUESTION

Evidence in Regard to Race Track Gambling Given Before Commons Committee

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REFUSE ADVANCE

Central Pennsylvania Soft Coal Operators Say No Increase in Mine Wages

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ENGLISHMEN TRUE TO POLITICAL IDOLS

Echoes of Monday's Hard Fights for Seats in British Parliament

W. S. BOND ESQ.

Loydton, Ont., March 14th, 1909.—For some years I have been greatly troubled with headaches and indigestion, brought on by stomach disorders, constipation, and biliousness. I had tried many remedies with only indifferent success, until 'Fruit-a-tives' came to my notice. Being a general storekeeper, I was selling a good many fruitatives to my customers, and remarking how pleased they were with the results obtained, I decided to try them myself. I decided to try them, and I might say the effects were almost magical. Headaches and biliousness disappeared, and today I recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' to my customers as 'An ideal remedy.'

I might also add that about three years ago I was laid up with LUMBAGO AND SCIATICA—couldn't get out of bed or lift one foot over the other. A good treatment of 'Fruit-a-tives' cured me of these painful troubles. The Sciatica and Lumbago so that today I am as well as ever, and can lift anything I wish to.

(Signed) W. S. BOND.

ACCURATE SURVEYS PROTECT PUBLIC

Provincial Land Surveyors' Association Deal With Important Subject

Surveyor-General E. B. McKay, Chief Commissioner W. S. Dwyer and Commissioner J. W. S. Dwyer have returned from attendance at the annual general meeting of the Provincial Land Surveyors' Association, just closed at Nelson. The session, which was of more than casual interest to the profession, and notable chiefly through the adoption of a resolution to further protect the public against the abuses of some of the surveyors in the past, was a very successful one. The surveyors being entrusted with important work. Another feature of the convention was the adoption of preliminary steps adopted toward bringing together the land and water surveys of the province into a complete and wholly unified system. The surveyors in reply to a toast at the banquet, said the government had spent \$300,000 during 1909 and 1910, and that the sum so expended would be increased to \$500,000 for the authorities responsible for the work in the opening up of the country. Good work had been done in the past in opening up the country, and the surveyors wanted a rough survey of the whole province. This would be a good thing, and the work had been done in the past in opening up the country, and the surveyors wanted a rough survey of the whole province. This would be a good thing, and the work had been done in the past in opening up the country, and the surveyors wanted a rough survey of the whole province.

EDMONTON FAILS IN INITIAL GAME

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Ottawa doubled the score of the Edmonton challengers for the Stanley Cup, the result at the end of the first game being 8 to 4 in favor of the champions. For the first time in the history of the Stanley Cup, but the heavy ice on them, they faded in the last period of the game. Ottawa started the game with a goal by Roberts, the most conspicuous of the Edmonton half-time score was 5 to 4 in favor of Ottawa.

HAILEYBURY, ONT., Jan. 18.—Colt defeated Haileybury here tonight by 7 to 5 in the fastest game ever witnessed in the north country. Special trains were run from many points, and when the game started the rink was packed to suffocation. Overtime was required to decide the winner. All-Montreal arrived here at the rink, and despite the long tiresome score at full time was 6 to 5, and an extra five minute period was ordered for Colt after the sudden death of the game was a big betting proposition, thousands of dollars changing hands on the outcome.

WOMEN OF 'VARSITY CAN'T USE SHELLS

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—Whether or not women's rowing at the University of Washington will be continued this afternoon is a matter of controversy. Allegedly the fairer co-eds through the columns of the University Daily, Coach Hiram B. Conbea declares he will refuse to let them use the shells. Board of control at its meeting last night decided that he must let girls use them. The question now confronting the women is, who has the say, Conbea or the board?

UNIVERSITY GAIN ELEVEN

Secure Larger Advantage in Yesterday's Polling in England

PROMINENT MEN ARE DEFEATED

Loss of Ground by Labor Party. Notable Feature of Contest

Algonia Central Extension.

SALT ST. MARY, Ont., Jan. 18.—General Manager Trans. of Lake Superior Corporation, stated today that in February it will call for tender for the extension of the Algonia Central railway.

Get Minimum Rates.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The President this afternoon issued a proclamation in which it is declared that the government had turned out many laborers by reducing the work at Woolwich Arsenal and they were sworn to get revenge.

Crushed by Heavy Bucket.

NEWBURGH, N.Y., Jan. 18.—Two young Austrian laborers, killed today in a shaft on the line of the New York aqueduct at Vail's Gate. A bucket crushing them, found on them, and the bodies were carried to the morgue. The bodies were carried to the morgue.

OF COURSE THEY WILL GET SCHOOL

West Coast Paterfamilias Shows He Has the Goods—It's Up to the Province

It is provided by the law and statute of this province that every child of school age shall be sent to school, and it is the duty of the father and mother to provide for the education of their children. The law is progressive and wise, and while in all provinces it is as to its operation in antagonism to the race suicide entered the heads of the fathers and mothers, it does work out for the benefit of the province. The law is progressive and wise, and while in all provinces it is as to its operation in antagonism to the race suicide entered the heads of the fathers and mothers, it does work out for the benefit of the province.

CANADA'S NAVY

Spectator and Review Take Widely Different Views of Ottawa Discussion.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—In regard to the discussion on the Canadian navy, the Spectator says: "A man indeed who could read the press and intense appreciation of the language in which the scheme was discussed, or without feeling convinced that what ever vicissitudes may follow, the movement has begun and is bound to gain strength."

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE

HURLEY, Wis., Jan. 18.—The dry house at No. 32 of the Windsor mine operated by the O'Donnell Iron company, one mile west of Hurley, was dynamited early today and O. Davis was killed. Henry Grover, mine boss, and Captain Camello seriously injured, and four Polish miners were more or less seriously hurt.

Ferry Passengers in Panic

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Ferry passengers became hysterical today when the Jersey City of the Pennsylvania Line ran aground on the Jersey shore. The ferryboat was stuck above the water-line and had to be towed to the pier. Many persons were thrown down by shock of the collision, but none were badly injured.

SURPRISING VALUES CONTINUE

Our entire collection of Exclusive Garments, both for formal and informal wear, has been included in this our January Sale. Every department has its featured reductions. The misses and the infants can be clothed at almost less than cost.

The few items quoted here will, we think, be sufficient inducement for you to visit us. Our offerings are being accepted with complete satisfaction.

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14 WHITE GOLFERS, ladies' sizes, in black and green silk braid trimming. White golfers are still very popular. Not only are they warm and durable, but they look neat and athletic (not mannish). The exact value of these fourteen is \$9.75 each. Now they go for \$3.75.

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Handkerchiefs in pink and white, fancy borders. Special, each, .50.

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STORM RISES IN COMMONS

Trouble Caused by Minister of Customs Losing His Temper

HAS TO WITHDRAW UNJUST CHARGE

Unsuccessful Effort to Show Fulfilment of Liberal Platform

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—A storm blew over the House of Commons this afternoon as a result of a speech by the minister of Customs, Mr. Currie, who was speaking on the subject of the proposed increase in the public debt. The minister's speech was interrupted by a number of members of the opposition, who were protesting against the proposed increase. The minister eventually withdrew the charge and the session ended in a chaotic manner.

REFUSED TO GO TO RESCUE

Steam Schooner Shoshone Want Ashore Near Wrecked Carina—Men Would Not Man Boats.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—The steam schooner Shoshone, arriving at 9 o'clock Saturday afternoon, after an eventful trip, was off Coos Bay last Wednesday night when the ill-fated Carina capsized and Captain Asplund made unsuccessful efforts to rescue the Carina's crew.

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Zam-Buk

Are your hands chapped, cracked, or sore? Have you "cold cracks" which open and bleed when the skin is drawn tight? Have you a cold sore, frost bite, chilblain, or a "raw" place, which at times makes it agony for you to go about your household duties? If so, Zam-Buk will give you relief, and will heal the frost-damaged skin. Anoint the sore places at night. Zam-Buk's rich healing essence will sink into the wounds, and the smarting, and will heal quickly.

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Mrs. Yellen, of Portland, says—"I consider it only my duty to tell you of the great benefit I have derived from Zam-Buk. My hands were so sore and cracked that I was unable to put them near water. When I did so they would smart and burn as if I had scalded them. I seemed quite unable to get relief from anything I put on them until I tried Zam-Buk and it succeeded when all else had failed. It closed the big cracks, gave me ease, soothed the inflammation, and in a very short time healed my hands completely. It is a wonderful healer and should be in every home."

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN

Mr. William Mackenzie left for home this morning after concluding the arrangement for the construction of the Canadian Northern from Yellow Head Pass to Barkley Sound. No one would expect particularities concerning the contract to be given out before they are laid before the legislature, but the public is warranted in assuming that its terms are in accord with the lines of the original memorandum and the statements made by the Premier during the campaign.

It may be assumed that the contract will be ratified by the Legislature, and the people of British Columbia may look forward with confidence to the early beginning of work and the rapid completion of this exceedingly important artery of transportation. The time that has been occupied in the discussion of details between the representatives of the railway company and the government shows the care that has been exercised in framing an arrangement whereby the public interests will be adequately protected, and yet no needless obstacles will be placed in the way of the successful financing of the project. It has been stated repeatedly by Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann that the road will cost very much in excess of the guarantee of \$35,000 a mile. Mr. Mackenzie says the estimates indicate that it may cost twice that sum, and it certainly cannot be built for \$35,000 per mile if it is intended to be a competitor with the other transcontinental lines. Therefore the company will have to raise a large sum in addition to the amount for which a guarantee is to be given. Hence, while the public interests must be safeguarded in every way, it is only reasonable to suppose that the company has been able to make a business-like bargain, and one that they can take into the British money market with the certainty of procuring any money that may be needed over and above that raised on the credit of the province and the resources of the members of the company. These general observations are made without any knowledge on the part of the Colonist as to the details of the contract, they are only such as seem reasonable under the known facts of the case.

We congratulate the Premier and his colleagues upon having reached an agreement satisfactory to them as guardians of the public welfare. We congratulate Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann, the two great native Canadian railway builders, upon having come within sight of the consummation of their plans for a transcontinental railway. We congratulate the people of British Columbia upon the construction of a new through transportation line. We congratulate the people of Victoria upon the consummation of an arrangement, which will mean more for this city than any person can at this time estimate.

In conversation with the Colonist, Mr. Mackenzie expressed himself very strongly in regard to the manner in which Mr. McBride and his colleagues had watched the public interests in drawing up the contract. He said of course there was more or less give and take, but he had yielded a great deal more than he intended. For on every point the ministers stood out for the substantial fulfillment of every pledge they had made. He expressed himself as quite satisfied with his bargain, but said it was the hardest he had ever had imposed upon him.

In regard to the intentions of his company, Mr. Mackenzie said there would not be the least delay in getting to work. As soon as the contract was confirmed by statute, the plant could be assembled on the ground, work would be begun, and it would be pushed to completion as rapidly as men and money could do it. He expressed his very great appreciation of the Barkley Sound division, concerning which he said he had learned much since he came to Victoria to convince him that it would extend through a region well worth developing. He is a man by no means given to enthusiastic expressions of opinion; but he made no attempt to disguise his view that British Columbia will take a new step forward on her path of progress, and that Victoria and Vancouver Island will share in the coming prosperity in a high degree. It may be added that the Canadian Northern people are financially able to take up this enterprise and put it through without waiting for the often slow process of bond flotation. The matter stands in an exceedingly favorable position, and the people of the province will soon begin to feel the beneficial results of the government's railway policy.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

At the present writing the indications are that the Asquith government will be sustained by a reduced majority. There are many people in Canada to whom this will appear as a great misfortune, and they will have grave misgivings as to the future of the Kingdom and the Empire. To such persons we say that the British people

are greater than any party, greater than any one of the Estates of the Realm, greater than their leaders. The country is passing through one of those revolutions in which liberty has broadened slowly down.

The history of England was never as interesting reading as at the present time, and we commend all timid patriots to the perusal of its pages. What ever may be the result, when all the elections have been held, this observation will hold true, that English institutions are the result of a series of crises, which have marked the ebb and flow of public sentiment. There have been times when the outlook, even when regarded from the standpoint of today, seemed gloomy in the extreme; but the genius of the British race has always shown itself to be equal to the demands upon it, and we have no reason to suppose that it has lost its potency. It may very well be that the popular vote in the aggregate may be no unpronounced one way or the other; that neither party will feel that a unmistakable popular mandate has been given to Parliament to adopt any particular line of policy. In British politics a practice prevails that is somewhat different from that followed in Canada. Before now a party has declined to take office as the result of a vote of want of confidence, and while we do not recall an instance where a party in Opposition has refused to accept power because of the narrowness of its majority after a general election, it would not be unprecedented for a government to decline to act upon a slender majority in the passage of any important measures. For example, if the Unionists should carry the country by a small majority, it might be that on coming into power they would not attempt to inaugurate tariff reform without another election held expressly to test public opinion upon a complete measure. On the other hand, if the Liberal majority is small, Mr. Asquith might decline to continue in office, and hand his resignation to His Majesty with the request that Mr. Balfour should be entrusted with the task of forming a ministry, in which event a general election would follow. It would not be in accordance with the best traditions of British parliamentary government for a ministry to continue in office after a general election and endeavor to pass important legislation without a substantial majority.

The statement is going the rounds of the press that Mr. Asquith ceased to be Prime Minister on the dissolution of Parliament; but such is not the case. The King must always have a Prime Minister. The confusion arose from the fact that Mr. Asquith vacated the official residence of the Prime Minister immediately after the dissolution. This was simply an act of good taste, for according to British ideas of political decorum, it would be unseemly for the First Minister to occupy his official residence pending the result of an election. When the election is over Mr. Asquith will advise His Majesty what course he should adopt. This is according to strict constitutional usage, which we may be sure the King will follow.

THE "AMERICAN" PEOPLE

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, writing to M.A.P., after his somewhat prolonged visit to the United States, expresses the opinion that those who talk of blood being thicker than water, when they speak of the feelings between the United Kingdom and that country, are cherishing a delusion. He does not suggest that there is not the most kindly feeling, especially in New York, towards Great Britain; but he points out that this cannot be because of ties of blood, for the Anglo-Saxon element in the population is steadily losing its numerical supremacy, and two or three generations have sufficed to secure for the descendants of immigrants from Continental Europe an influence that, if not dominant, is exceedingly influential. He says that even the Irish are finding themselves displaced. A great process of assimilation has been going on, and while the English type prevails in language and institutions, it is no longer the governing idea of the nation. He says that the country is being largely controlled by the descendants of men who left Europe to escape tyranny, and that they show a very strong disposition to revolt against what they claim is the economic tyranny of the Republic. There is, he thinks, a lack of unity among the people. He expresses a doubt if it would be possible again to unite any large section of the Union as the North was united in a battle for the abolition of negro slavery. Less respect is paid to the memory and deeds of the founders of the nation than was the case a quarter of a cen-

tury ago. A statue of Washington or of Grant or Lincoln attracts less attention than a picture of Rockefeller. The people are being educated to look upon the getting of money as the mainspring of human action, and the principles of patriotism are being lost sight of.

These are the ideas of a man who is disposed to look upon things relating to the United States with a friendly eye, and while he does not say so in so many words, it is not difficult to read between the lines, that he does not regard the outlook as quite free from serious difficulties, not to say dangers. The United States is undoubtedly engaged in the solution of an exceedingly difficult political and economic problem. In Great Britain such questions can be handled with some facility, because the people are to a large degree homogeneous in race and traditions and sentiments. They may be as far apart as the poles when it comes to dealing with concrete questions, but the basic ideas of the population are much the same among all parties and ranks of society. In the United States there has not been time for a perfect assimilation of blood or anything like a perfect assimilation of ideas.

OAK BAY MUNICIPALITY

The municipality of Oak Bay is one of the best managed institutions of its kind in the province, and we think we might go further and say in the Dominion. Its council is made up of public-spirited citizens, who handle its affairs as business men ought to handle business propositions. In Mr. J. S. Floyd, the municipality has an exceedingly efficient executive officer. These observations are timely because the publication of the accounts of the municipality for the past year show it to be in a very healthy condition financially. Oak Bay has a very bright prospect before it. Nothing is more certain than that it will be a great residential centre, for not only are there large areas within the part already occupied, where many homes can be built, and where they are being rapidly built, but outside of the centre of population are wide tracts of the finest residential property in this part of Vancouver Island. Every Victorian expects Oak Bay to increase in population, wealth, and the value of its taxable property. There is not the least jealousy between the city and its eastern neighbor. Indeed we are all more than pleased with the splendid showing already made by Oak Bay and with the exceptionally bright prospect before it. Calgary is happy because building operations can be carried on there during January. How about December and January?

Mr. Henri Bourassa has started a paper "Le Davoir." It will expose the Quebec ministry and in Dominion politics will range itself with Mr. Monk. Mr. Bourassa declares himself to be out of sympathy with both parties at Ottawa.

The Toronto News says "not many Canadians know that a Copper Mining and Smelting company in British Columbia has the largest plant in the British Empire and the second largest in the world." There are many great things about British Columbia that many Canadians do not know, even those Canadians who live west of the Rocky Mountains. This is a province of surprises, and we are having new ones presented to us almost daily.

However the British elections may go, we are sure that Liberals and Conservatives alike will regret if the balance of power is in the hands of the Nationalists. No one wants to see Ireland treated with anything except fairness; but it will be unfortunate if either party is in the hands of a combination of members which has only a single object in view. And this would be true no matter what that object might be.

Speaking at Toronto, Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid this graceful tribute to Sir John Macdonald: "I have been able, in the course of my life, to give justice to whom justice was due, to meet my opponent and to shake his hand, and to say to friends and foes the good I thought of them. I owe it largely to the example which was given me in my own case by a man whose portrait is on the wall, and who at one time was the great leader of the Conservative party." "I must say for the credit of his memory, I found him in all our relations not only courteous, but true to his word and never unfair; and in this respect, though not in his policy, I have tried to emulate his example."

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Cloister Cloth—A Drapery Dept. Offering

Cloister Cloth is one of our drapery department's latest offerings. This material has a basket weave, and coming in solid colors is specially desirable for portieres, furniture coverings, window seats, cosy corners, etc., being adaptable for stenciling or embroidery. We have it in natural, brown and green—solid colors. Come in and let us show you these. 50 inches wide and priced at per yard 85¢. Many other recent arrivals in this department that'll interest any homekeeper looking for dainty curtain or drapery materials. Pleased to show you these.

"Blue Band and Gold" Is a Popular China

"Blue Band and Gold" China was ever a popular line. This decoration is one that appeals to many home-keepers. When combined with attractive shapes and china of a superior quality it is doubly desirable. You'll find this combination in our offerings of "Blue Band and Gold." Here are a few prices on some of the pieces offered. Come in today and make some selections. Add to your holdings as your purse permits and soon you'll have a supply of dainty tableware. TEA CUPS AND SAUCERS, per dozen, \$4 and \$3.00. BREAKFAST CUPS AND SAUCERS, per dozen, \$4.50. MUFFIN PLATES, per dozen, \$3.50 and \$2.75. BREAD AND BUTTER PLATES, each, 50¢. CREAM JUGS, each, 50¢. MILK JUGS, each, 75¢. SUGAR BOWLS, open, each, 50¢. SUGAR BOWLS, covered, each, \$1.25. Tea Sets of 40 Pieces in This Pattern at \$7.50

STYLISH BUFFETS

Some Uncommon Creations. We now show a very interesting range of buffets in small designs. These smart styles are much sought—the demand during the year just closed being very heavy. Recent arrivals in these—in Golden Oak—make a display unequalled elsewhere in British Columbia. We would appreciate an opportunity to show you these. Come in and inspect, at your leisure, some of the choicest buffets we have shown. You'll find them on the third floor. Priced at \$32, \$35, \$38, \$40. A Mission Buffet at \$35. Here is one of our latest arrivals in buffets—a Mission style—at \$35.00. This buffet has one long drawer and 2 smaller drawers. Has 2 cupboard doors with "lattice" doors. A large bevel plate mirror, with 2 small side shelves. Early English Oak finish. Very attractive. Priced at \$35.00.

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DISCUSSION ON SENATE

Mr. Lancaster's Motion for Abolition Comes Up in House of Commons

SIR WILFRID LAURIER REVERSES POSITION

Mr. Taylor's Plea for Larger Western Representation Also Taken Up

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—After one of the busiest days of the session, the House adjourned shortly after midnight, having cleared the order of business of a number of resolutions and public bills.

The Postmaster General has given notice that he will introduce a bill to control the rates and facilities of ocean cable companies, etc. It is evident that the intention is to place cable companies under the supervision of the board of railway commissioners.

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UNIONISTS FALL SHORT

Result of Yesterday's Polling Leaves Little Chance of Success

J. MARTIN ELECTED H. GREENWOOD LOSES

London Disappoints Unionists in Hope of Large Turnover

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CONSUL HAS HIS WAY

His Objection to "Canadian Government Officers" in Antwerp Is Sustained

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POINT TO HIS DEFEAT Returns on Their Face Indicate Local Option Failed at Recent Election

That the friends and advocates of Local Option failed to obtain endorsement of their proposals for the introduction of this method of regulating the liquor traffic in the Province of British Columbia by means of the plebiscite taken simultaneously with the recent general election seems evident upon the face of the returns of the local option voters for the election of January 18th.

Official Count

The official count which opened yesterday is taking place before the provincial official regularly in charge of election proceedings, the Deputy Returning Officer, Mr. A. Campbell-Reddie, who is advised as to legal technicalities by Mr. B. R. Spence, legal adviser.

Total Figures

Table with 4 columns: Municipality, Total, For, Against. Lists figures for various municipalities like Victoria, Nanaimo, etc.

At the annual meeting just held in Nelson of the Western Kootenay Farmers' Institute, the advisability of dividing the province into districts, each with a central institute, was approved.

BUNKER FUEL NOW COSTS MORE Prices Advanced at the Coaling Ports and Contracts Are Not Being Renewed

Steam coal in these waters is striking a higher price and bunker coal costs \$5.50 with the coal companies not anxious to fill the supply at the figure, as a vessel taking on bunker coal has to stop and trim ship and some at the coaling is lost.

JAPANESE RAILROAD OFFICIAL ON SHINANO

M. Kohno, of South Manchurian Railroad Visited Grain Centres of World Investigating Elevators. Among the passengers of the steamer Shinano Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which sailed for Vancouver yesterday were several Japanese government officials.

GO TO STRIP WRECKED INDIANA

Schooner Dora Blum Has Wrecked Crew Leaves With Wrecking Crew to Magdalena. Bound for the scene of the wreck of the steamer Indiana, near Magdalena bay, the schooner Dora Blum has sailed from San Francisco for the purpose of recovering her wrecked cargo.

Transportation Company Fails. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 18.—The Ohio State Transportation Company, one of the largest on the Great Lakes, has failed in the hands of receivers today.

RECTORY OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL Rev. A. G. Doull, M.A., of Montreal, Comes to Victoria—Appointment Made

At a meeting of the churchwardens and church committee, which met at the Rectory of Christ Church Cathedral, held Monday evening, the appointment by the bishop of the Rev. A. G. Doull, M.A., as rector of the Parish of Christ Church and Cathedral, was heard and endorsed.

ANTI-COMBINES BILL AT OTTAWA

Promised Government Measure Read First Time in House. The Man Before the Mast. In groups upon the shore, And watch a ship of war, O'er the waters proudly soar, You may think a merchant seaman's

PAULHAN'S FLIGHT

Files From Aviation Field to Baldwin Ranch, 23 Miles, and Returns. LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Louis Paulhan in his Farman bi-plane today made a remarkable cross-country flight in a wind which the other aviators had predicted to face.

REGULATION OF CABLE RATES Bill To Be Introduced at Ottawa With That Object in View. OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—An important step toward the reduction of cable rates is expected that the Canadian government will introduce a bill to regulate the rates of telegraph and cable messages.

DISASTROUS SUPPLIES BOUND NORTH Washnetau Struggling Through Heavy Seas to Port Townsend With William H. Smith

Struggling in a heavy gale, the oil-tanker Washnetau is on her way to Port Townsend with the distressed lumber-laden ship William H. Smith, which was wrecked on Thursday when off the Oregon coast bound from Victoria.

GRAIN CHARTERING APPARENTLY ENDED

Steam Tonnage Out of Trade and Market Gone to Smash—Lumber Trade Dull. Coast grain chartering is apparently ended, says the San Francisco Commercial News in its weekly review. Since the temporary removal of the union minimum there has been no market for grain vessels and rates are entirely governed by the individual condition.

White Slave Traffic

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—The price of a woman in the past, says a Chicago dispatch, was \$200. This is a woman sold to a woman maintaining a reputation in East 17th street, according to an indictment returned in the grand jury, which is investigating the white slave traffic in Greater New York.

THE GOOD ROADS ALLIANCE, an organization composed of members of the various Fraser river boards of trade, has initiated a movement to secure a change in the method under which provincial government aid is extended for road building.

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ROYAL BANK EXPANSION. TORONTO, Jan. 18.—The Royal Bank of Canada has purchased the Colonial Bank, by which transaction it has obtained a number of branches in the West Indies and an office in London.

PROV HAD. Rev. A. G. Doull, M.A., of Montreal, Comes to Victoria—Appointment Made. The contract has been awarded for the Princeton to Otter Flat section of the V. V. & E. railway, 18 miles, to J. W. Stewart & Co., which firm is virtually identical with Foley, Welch & Stewart, who are doing most of the work of the western section of the company.

REVELSTOCK has generously remitted the taxes levied on church properties. Mrs. Ethel J. Campbell has been elected a school trustee in North Vancouver. A recount is in progress at Vancouver of the ballots cast on the parks purchase by-law, recently defeated in that city.

Sumnerland college students have raised \$200 toward the equipment of a first-class gym. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Reid, of New Westminster were on Monday evening the "victims" of a criminal surprise party, marking the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding. The marriage was celebrated in Kamloops Monday of Meritt Dolan and Miss Pearl May Esche, Rev. H. W. W. Bromwich being the officiating clergyman.

Lead pipe and fitting thieves are again taking the souls of New Westminister. A robbery was committed in a city with upwards of \$800 worth of fittings from the B. C. Condensed Milk Factory. The recent elections in the Okanagan cities resulted in the return of Mayor Husband in Vernon, Mayor Aulstern in Kelowna, Reeve Ricard in Coldstream, Reeve Lutz in Sumnerland, and Reeve Daykin in Armstrong.

Prince Rupert medical practitioners have a new association with Dr. Reddie as president, Dr. Mearns, vice-president, and Dr. McNeill, secretary-treasurer. According to the Vancouver Chronicle, almost as many as 1000 people are in the pulsing world is quite so dead—and Graham City reigns in its stead. Hamilton Anderson has just died in the Roseland Sisters' hospital, as a result of a shock resulting from a fall from a car at the Centre Star mine. The deceased was one of the pioneers of the Roseland camp.

Tragedy marked the beginning of the big potlach at Kyugoot last night, the mistake in not drawing the charge in the shooting was a sham-battle, which resulted in the death of a man, a brave being shot through the heart. No inquest is deemed necessary. A petition is being circulated for signature in Prince Rupert, urging that the Government should purchase the land which is the site of the city, to induce the government if possible to have the sewer construction work in the city during the year approximately 1910-1911. H. G. Parsons, M. P. P. has been re-elected president of the 8th Annual Game Association, with M. Dainard as vice-president, and a strong committee. This association is recommending a few minor amendments to the act for consideration during the present session of the house. It is expected that the Western Canadian Power Company will have its lines running into New Westminster in the delivery of power within 18 months. This company—otherwise known as the Stave Lake Power Company—is the chief rival in this province of the B. C. Electric Railway company. While loading hay at Holt's Camlachie Thursday, Joseph Desjardines received a severe injury to his back, the time, through a log rolling upon him. He appeared to be progressing favorably, but died Sunday morning, January 17th, at his home. The nineteenth annual report of the electric lighting department of New Westminster city shows a reduction of revenue during the year approximately from \$8,000 to \$10,000 in consequence of the reduction of the price of current by 2 cents per K.-W. hour. The loss has been offset by extensions and new customers. Charles Armstrong, of Golden, plans the construction of a new steambot as improved design, to serve the Columbia as far as Canal City, the birth of Golden. It is suggested that the Canadian Northern may be interested in the venture, which would give them control of the traffic of all the branch from Canada river to that point. A somewhat sensational theft case is in progress before Mayor Robinson at Kamloops. The thief, a man named William Shannon, Wilton, who is a white canvas slippers, a dressing jacket and sundry other small articles of personal apparel together with a box of valuable embroidery, was reported as having been arrested on the night of October 27th, when the home of Alfred Landon was destroyed by fire. The West Kootenay Farmers' Institute has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, James Barry; Harry, vice president, C. F. McHardy, Crescent Valley; secretary-treasurer, G. G. McLaren; directors, interested officers: President, H. Frank Seaman, William Siding; J. Ford, Proctor; C. Gansner, Granite; C. F. McBride, Shoppers.

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ROYAL HAPPENINGS

Lady Smith consumers are complaining of the cost of electric light. Seventy-eight cases were dealt with last month in the Lady Smith police court.

The Royal Columbian hospital at New Westminster is crowded to its capacity with patients, and a number of the nurses are on the sick list with influenza.

There were twenty-three cases of infectious disease at Lady Smith last year, but in no case a fatal termination.

The marriage of Reginald H. Broadhead and Miss Etta MacLachlan takes place at Vancouver today.

The Rev. St. George Buttram has been chosen as pastor of the new Granite (Vancouver) church.

Through a misunderstanding as to the question of M. V. Allen, H. W. Husband has become mayor of Vernon by acclamation.

The contract for the longest wharf on the north shore of Burrard Inlet has been let to Evans, Coleman and Evans for the McDougall-Jenkins Engineering Co., Ltd.

The Rev. Dr. Fraser, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, in a recent sermon, severely scored the city police for their conduct of Christmas night.

The passing of the Imperial Car, Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. bylaw from North Vancouver is to be implemented by the immediate initiation of operations by that concern.

James Burgoyne enjoys the questionable reputation of having been the first man arrested under Vancouver's new vagrancy bylaw for loitering on the sidewalk.

The improvement of sidewalks and sewers appears to be the chief plank in the platform of Mayor MacLean, again chief magistrate of Nanaimo.

After being thirteen years bedridden, Howard Taylor has just died at the Royal Columbian hospital, New Westminster, at the age of 51. His wife, who preceded him eighteen months ago, died at the same hospital.

Prince Rupert medical practitioners have organized a local association with Dr. Reddie as president, Dr. Tremayne, vice-president, and Dr. McNeill, secretary-treasurer.

According to the Queen Charlotte News, Skidgate is dead as dead as the pulping world is quite so dead, and Graham City reigns in its stead.

Hamilton Anderson has just died in the Rossland Slaters' hospital, as a result of shock, subsequent to the leg being broken in a shaft-battle failure resulting in one of the revolting brakes being about the heart.

A petition is being circulated for signature in Prince Rupert, urging Mr. Manson, the district member, to influence the government, if possible, to have the sewer and drainage work in the northern city given out in small contracts.

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Charles Armstrong, of Golden, plans the construction of a new steambarge to improve the navigation of the Columbia Lake, thus serving the district as far as Canal Flat, 150 miles south of Golden. It is suggested that the Canadian National railway, which is now in control of the traffic of all the valley, should be authorized to build a branch from Canoe river to that point.

A somewhat sensational theft case is in hearing at Golden, through the efforts of the defendants R. W. Hinton and his wife, being accused of stealing \$75 in banknotes, a pair of white canvas slippers, a dressing jacket and sundry other small articles of personal apparel together with a box containing a quantity of valuable embroidery.

Mr. William Mackenzie has declined to affirm or deny at Vancouver the report that the Canadian Northern contemplates building a line of railway, northeast from Stewart, on the Portland canal, into the Peace river country.

E. Jacobs, the well-known mining authority and writer of this city, is visiting Klam, in connection with the preparation of a special mining bulletin, which may subsequently be adopted by the government for general distribution.

White Crested Polish Cockerel

All awards to J. L. Smith. Bearded Golden Polish. All awards to Jones & Newberry. Nona Bearded Golden Polish.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT POULTRY SHOW

Exhibition of Feathered Aristocrats and of Pet Stock Attracting Crowds

A medley of cock crowing, canary chirping, and feline purring, together with the more or less subdued comment of over one hundred visitors, yesterday, made Broad Street's hall, the Victoria Annual Poultry and Pet Stock show, an event of striking activity.

His Honor T. W. Patterson, the Lieut. Governor, delivered the address which marked the formal opening of the exhibition. His remarks were brief and pointed. He congratulated the managers of the display on the neatness of the arrangement of the cages, and expressed the hope that it would prove fully as successful from every standpoint as the most sanguine expected.

The Shuswap Power Co. is going ahead with its development of Kamloops. The offer made to the city is to supply power at 2 cents per unit, graduated down to 2 cents.

The federal government has been requested, by petition of the British Columbia Salmon Cannery association, to install wireless telegraph stations at Alert Bay and Rivers Inlet.

A party of British Columbians is to be organized by a Vancouver travel promoter to visit Oberammergau, Bavaria, and witness the dramatic production of the Passion Play, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. T. Power, of Nanaimo, are already en route to the city.

Assessment Commissioner Broad, of New Westminster, is making arrangements for the taking of a complete census of that city. It is expected that seven or eight competent men engaged today making a house-to-house canvass. It is expected that this census will show New Westminster to possess a present population of approximately fifteen thousand.

The civic income of Kamloops has grown from a few paltry thousands in 1909 to \$171,000 in 1909. It is claimed that the taxation is lighter than in any other town or city in British Columbia. The assessment is on the basis of 85 to 70 per cent of the selling value, and the date is 13 miles. Revelstoke assesses up to the full value of property, and the rate in that city is 36 mills.

As a result of the deliberations of the Fisheries and Navigation Committee of the New Westminster Board of Trade, a communication has been sent to Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, the minister of public works, and the minister of finance, Ottawa, urging the improvement of the Fraser river channel.

The death has occurred at New Westminster, of Mrs. J. S. White, at the age of 73 years. She was the mother of one of the Mothers of New Westminster, and leaves a family, all members of which have grown up to do their parents' honor.

At the first meeting of New Westminster's new school board, a contract was let for clearing the site for the Sapperton school. With respect to the proposed school for Lejac Island, a special committee was instructed to investigate and report upon the requirements of the section of the city interested.

Little Mary Tomkins, aged eleven, ran away from her home in Vancouver on Saturday last, and journeyed to New Westminster, where she was found in the cemetery, tearfully deploring the loss of her mother, who she imagined to be that of her dead sister. She said that she was afraid to return home, as her mother would strap her for her escapade. An officer was sent back with her.

The British Columbia Salmon-Cannery Association has petitioned the Dominion government for the appointment of a resident fisheries commissioner at Vancouver. The minister has also been asked to right the injustice of a weekly close season of 42 hours on the Fraser, instead of the line the prohibited period is 36 hours. Another request is that the sockeye fishing north of the 59th parallel open on the 15th June instead of July 1st; while it is further requested that the old fishing boundaries at the mouth of the Skeena be re-established.

A special committee has been appointed by the British Columbia Cannery association to investigate the matter of taxation paid by the fishing and canning interests to both the Dominion and the provincial government.

William Steadman's back was broken in an automobile accident at Vancouver Tuesday evening. Steadman, who is an Englishman, and 36 years of age, is now at the General Hospital; everything possible is being done for him, but his death is merely a matter of a few hours or a day or two at most. The injured man was struck by the auto bus of the Dominion hotel. The driver was Herbert Dixon, aged 22, who for four months has been in charge of the auto. Dixon was running very slowly. It was raining hard and he had over the front of the auto a rubber shelter with a glass pane. The latter was somewhat obscured by Dixon says he saw Steadman and a companion slowly crossing the corner as he approached. He blew his horn loudly three or four times and all but stopped, but struck Steadman. He says that he was going so slowly that Steadman being knocked back or four feet by the force of the blow was not run over; in other words that the auto was stopped within two feet. Steadman was perfectly conscious when picked up, but unable to move either hand or foot. He was taken to the hospital, where his back had been badly broken. Later investigation showed that Steadman's companion was a deaf man and did not hear the sound of the auto horn. Steadman himself had been partly paralyzed and was unable to walk any distance without assistance. He was taken to the hospital by a friend who had been with him at the time of the accident.

Granny Will Issue Stock

The statement is now definitely made in well-informed quarters that the Grany will shortly issue a block of its treasury stock, consisting of some 13,500 shares in order to pay off the indebtedness which the company incurred through the purchase of their interest in the Crown's West Coast Coal Co. Coleridge, the proposed issue, George L. Walker, whose sources of information have the highest reputation for accuracy has the following to say in the Boston Commercial:

"Granny Consolidated is about to issue 13,500 shares of its treasury stock at \$85 a share, giving present account holders the right to subscribe for one new share for each ten now held. The value of these rights will probably be equivalent to a \$2.50 a share dividend. The money received by the company from the sale of the stock will be more than sufficient to pay off the indebtedness incurred by Grany's purchase of the West Coast Coal Co. The new issue at \$85 per share should be a pretty good investment, though it is not only on the part of the general public will get much of an opportunity at it. If the high opinion expressed of the security by Mr. Walker, a most competent judge, is held by the market, Eastern financial magnates, here is his opinion of the present financial value of the stock and the nature and extent of which makes pretty good reading for men who have faith in what British Columbia mines can do."

The Grany company must be in excellent financial condition now, as it is paying out a dividend of 42 per share last year. Its extraordinary construction account is closed, and it is producing copper at the rate of more than \$300,000 annually at a cost of not over eight and a half cents. It must, therefore, be earning at the rate of more than \$10 per share annually on the 15,500 shares which it will have out-standing under the proposed issue of 13,500 shares. It is a very satisfactory investment, and I believe the stock will ultimately be worth \$150 to \$200 a share. It should go higher immediately.

The Centre Star Group Details are to hand of the out-put of the Centre Star Group at Roseland, owned by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada. The Centre Star group embraces the Centre Star, the War Eagle and the Iron Mask, and the reports for the year just closed show the group with a production of 15,954 tons of ore at an average value of \$11 a ton, producing a total of \$175,494. This is a very satisfactory result, and is the result of the opening of large ore bodies on both the War Eagle and Centre Star, and also the opening of a practical certainty that the out-put of 1910 will be far in excess of 1909. For instance, the large ore body opened up last year on the ninth level of the War Eagle is 400 feet long, having an average width of 25 feet, and a thickness as wide as 60 feet. It has already yielded a large tonnage, and shows but little signs of exhaustion. Elsewhere, ore of higher grade than the usual run of the mine, and it is thought that its upward continuation will reach the surface. It has been opened up on the tenth level and also on an intermediate level between the tenth and eleventh level, and up to the grade of the shafts show it to be as large and strong as it is on the ninth level. Important new ore bodies have also been discovered on the fourth level, coming in the nature of a surprise since it was not supposed that there was any pay ore there.

Again, on the Centre Star, the year's operations were distinguished by the opening of a large ore body on the main level of the sixth level east of the shaft, and also on the seventh level, which is 150 feet so far, with a width of 25 feet, and work is now being pushed to develop this ore body on the seventh level. Encouraging discoveries of ore were also made during the year on the level west of the shaft, and on the twelfth level east of the shaft, and in the steps above the fifth level. It is satisfactory to learn that the grade value of the ore has recently shown a marked improvement, and that all indications point to heavy increase of tonnage.

The Iron Mask was also a good producer during the year giving its full output of ore towards the group total from the surface down to the 450-foot level. Three different veins are being developed on the Iron Mask, all of which have been yielding a good grade of ore, and development is now being pushed to open the ore bodies on the 450-foot level by a cross cut extending from the Centre Star.

In addition to the above work it is learned that, as a result of considerable prospecting done on the surface of the property immediately north of the War Eagle shaft, some promising looking prospects have been located and will probably be developed during the coming year.

The average number of men employed during last year on this group was 420, and the development work done, including drifting, cross-cutting, raising, and sinking, was 14,785 feet. In addition to this, 21,748 feet of diamond drilling were done.

The year's operations on this group may be summed up as being full of promise for the shareholders of the large company to which it belongs, as well as a further and gratifying guarantee of the stability of conditions in the mining camp. The large quantity of ore in sight, with good values and large pay-rolls, the effect of the opening of the severe large Revealed mining companies, which have been reviewed in these columns during the past week, all fall to prove a most gratifying advertisement for British Columbia mining as a whole. The premier prospecting camp of British Columbia, there is an enormous amount of capital invested today in Roseland, and that prospecting is being done in the faith shown in them by the investing public cannot be a matter of accident. The future of the group, therefore, may safely be predicted that, in the enormous increase of mineral production which is being effected, the group will certainly be a very heavy share of the magnificent increase which is being effected by the Roseland mines.

The Britannia Mine It is stated on good authority that the management of the famous Britannia mine, Howe Sound, twenty-eight miles north of the City of Vancouver, is spending at present some \$50,000 a

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FLAG HISTORY

"The History of the Union Jack," by Barlow Cumberland, is a very interesting little volume. It traces all the flags of the Empire to their origin, explains their proportions and meanings, practically giving an account of the constitutional development of the British Empire. Mr. Barlow is past president of the National Club, and of the Sons of England, also president of the Historical Society of Toronto. He is an earnest reader, a clear thinker, and an entertaining writer. This instructive book is illustrated with many prints and nine colored plates.

These verses form a sort of introduction to the book and are called—

The Union Jack

Its only a small bit of bunting,
Its only an old colored rag,
Yet thousands have died for its honor
And shed their best blood for the flag.

It's charged with the cross of St. Andrew,
Which, of old, Scotland's heroes has led;
It carries the cross of St. Patrick,
For which Ireland's bravest have bled.

Joined with these is our old English ensign,
St. George's red cross on white field,
Round which, from King Richard to Wolsey,
Britons conquer or die, but ne'er yield.

It flutters triumphant o'er ocean,
As free as the winds and the waves;
And bondsmen from shackles unloosened,
Neath its shadow no longer are slaves.

It floats over Cyprus and Malta,
Canada, the Indies, Hong Kong;
And Britons where'er their flags' flying,
Claim the rights which to Briton's belong.

We hoist it to show our devotion,
To our King, to our country, and laws;
'Tis the outward and visible emblem
Of advancement and liberty's cause.

You may say its an old bit of bunting,
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But freedom has made it majestic,
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WITH THE PHILOSOPHERS.

Phillips Brooks.

Although this eminent divine did not lay any claim to being a philosopher, his works go to prove that he is entitled to a place among them, for they are full of the simplest and most beautiful ethical teaching, and appeal to the illiterate and the learned alike. They embody truth, and truth knows no distinction of class. Not only was Phillips Brooks remarkable for his works, but his personality was an extraordinary one, in its almost unbounded influence. He was of commanding presence, with a face whose smile always remained young. His wit was spontaneous, his conversation brilliant, his tenderness towards little children quite irresistible. To know him was to love him, and to hear him speak was to reverence him as one of God's chosen messengers. The strongest impression, perhaps, which he conveyed from the pulpit, was the earnestness of his own convictions, and his gracious tolerance towards all men, no matter what their creed, so long as their sincerity was evident.

He was born in Boston in 1835, and was educated at Harvard University, when that institution had among its professors such men as Lowell, Holmes, Agassiz, and Longfellow. If there were good material in the pupils, surely such teachers could not fail to make a creditable mark of him, and in Brooks' case, he had inherited many fine and noble qualities peculiarly fitting him for the work he had chosen. Graduating from Harvard, he went south to the Episcopal Seminary at Virginia. His loveliness made him countless friends in his new home; and when the war broke out, and he felt that he should champion the cause of the Union, it cost him many bitter pangs to desert those who had grown so near and dear to him.

As soon as he started to preach, he began to attract great attention. It was not many years until he had become America's most famous preacher, and, invited to England, he had the honor of holding services in Westminster Abbey before Queen Victoria. He became as popular in England as he had been in America, and whenever he preached the people thronged the church, and listened to him spellbound. And yet he was never a striver after effect. He used no embellishments of language or gesture. He spoke simply, directly, appealingly; and it has been said of him that when he entered the pulpit he immediately became absolutely impersonal, merely the mouthpiece of the spirit which seemed to move him to speak.

He was always in sympathy with great public movements and an active worker for better conditions among the poor. His influence upon the young men with whom he came in contact can hardly be overrated, so great was its good effect. He died in 1893.

Personal Character

As one looks around the world, and as one looks around our own land today, he sees that the one thing we need in high places—the thing whose absence, among those who hold the reins of highest power, is making us all anxious in regard to the progress of our country—is personal character. The trouble is not what we hold to be mistaken ideas in regard to

the policies of government, but it is the absence of lofty and unselfish character. It is the absence of complete consecration of a man's self to the public good; it is the willingness of men to bring their personal and private spites into spheres whose elevation ought to shame such things into absolute death; the tendencies of men, even of men whom the nation has put into very high places indeed, to count those high places their privileges, and to try to draw from them, not help for humanity and the community over which they rule, but their own mean personal advantage.

The Courage of Opinions

The ways in which people form their opinions are most remarkable. Every man when he begins his reasonable life, finds certain general opinions current in the world. He is shaped by these opinions one way or another, either directly or by reaction. If he is soft and plastic like the majority of people, he takes the opinions that are about him for his own. If he is self-asserting and defiant, he takes the opposite of these opinions and gives them his vehement adherence. We know the fault which is at the root of both is intellectual cowardice. One man clings servilely to the old ready-made opinions which he finds, because he is afraid of being called rash and radical; another rejects the traditions of his people, for fear of being called fearful and timid and a slave. The results are very different: one is the tame conservative and the

Bishop's arrival, however, saw a great change, for the Canadian Pacific stretched across the continent by that time, and the West was no longer an unknown, almost inaccessible land.

In writing a life of the Archbishop, it is necessary to consider him first as a Churchman and then as an educationalist. In regard to the first position, he was a broad-minded, clear-thinking, unbogged ecclesiastical statesman. He guided the consciences of the people over whom he spiritually ruled during great crises of national significance. The larger part of the book deals with the account of his struggle to keep going the missions to the settlers. As an educationalist he re-opened St. John's College, which had been founded by his predecessor, Bishop Anderson, who had been unsuccessful in carrying it on. The College was used primarily for the training of the clergy, and secondarily for the higher education generally. The College became a very important institution, and at the time of the Archbishop's death "more than half the clergy of the Diocese were graduates from it." Besides reviving this institution he established schools in every parish, which after some years were governed by an Advisory Board of which the Archbishop was appointed Chairman, retaining the position until his death. He took an important part in the founding of the State University, of which he was appointed Chancellor. In fact he distinguished himself in innumerable ways, and Western Canada owes him a debt of inestimable gratitude. The book is written by his nephew, Robert Macchray, and is published by Macmillan & Co., Toronto.

SVEN HEDIN'S RETURN

"Trans-Himalaya," two new volumes of Sven Hedin's adventures in the bleak wilderness of Tibet which has been so aptly described as the "roof of the world," comes from the press this month. Today Sven Hedin undoubtedly stands in the foremost rank of explorers. He has devoted his life to the forbidding passes and mountain deserts that lie beyond the Himalayas, and for the unknown no man's land of cold and hunger he is doing what Stanley and Livingston did for the "dark continent." The journey of which the present work is such a vivid narrative took Dr. Hedin at last into the goal he had so long striven for—Lhasa, the sacred city of Buddhism. The price in hardship and danger Dr. Hedin had to pay for his reward can only be realized by one who has read the book. He does not seem to find it too heavy, however, and certainly no other white man who has succeeded in penetrating into this mysterious capital has been so well equipped to see with comprehension and describe with power. An evidence of the popularity of Dr. Hedin is found in a modest word of thanks in his preface to the various publishers throughout the world who are bringing out "Trans-Himalaya." From this we learn that in addition to the Swedish edition, there are translations in German, Dutch, French, Finnish, Hungarian, English, Bohemian and Italian.

MR. KREHBIEL WRITES OF OPERAS

A book of great value to the regular as well as the occasional opera-goer, is "A Book of Operas" published by H. E. Krehbiel, the veteran music critic of New York city. Mr. Krehbiel has not written this for the benefit of the professional, but for that tremendous class of music lovers who are not primarily interested in technique. He has given not only a brief history of the more famous operas, but an analysis and entertaining discussion of their plots and a general criticism of the music. All who have followed to any extent his work in the columns of the New York Tribune will not need to be told how admirably Mr. Krehbiel has performed his task. A number of illustrations, some of them very rare prints, add greatly to the attractiveness of the book, but it is, after all, Mr. Krehbiel's knowledge of opera that gives to this work a value so very different from the haphazard compilations.

THE SCIENCE OF SOIL

A new volume in the "Rural Text Book Series" of which Professor L. H. Bailey is the general editor is published by The Macmillan Company. Professors Lyon and Phippen are the authors, their subject, "Soils." The whole series is designed to be of practical help to the progressive and intelligent farmer, and this volume admirably carries out the intention. Complicated questions of farm management and conservation of land are described with conservatism and care, but, at the same time, with a lucidity which will gain for the book an entrance into the homes of many practical farmers. Indeed, this series and the "Rural Science Series" are remarkable evidences of the rapid welding in recent years of agriculture and science.

THE BIRTH OF THE WORLD

In "The Evolution of the Worlds," which The Macmillan Company publishes, Professor Percival Lowell takes his readers into the fascinating field of theory of which he permitted them a glimpse in his former work, "Mars as the Abode of Life." In his investigations of the possibility of human life on Mars, he broke ground for a new science, planetology, dealing with the birth and life and ultimate fate of all planets. Since the publication of his former book, his belief that Mars is not only inhabited but that its present condition and approaching doom are a revelation of the earth's

future, has aroused much discussion, popular as well as scientific. Now, in "The Evolution of Worlds," Professor Lowell advances more reasons for a conclusion which almost staggers the imagination. He does not, however, confine himself to Mars. The new book gives to astronomy the human interest it has so long seemed to lack and presents in clear, entertaining language a picture of the universe which can hardly be excelled in grandeur.

THE TREND OF AMERICAN MUSIC

American music forms the subject of an interesting, if somewhat pessimistic, article in the December Bohemian, wherein the writer indulges in some forcible and caustic criticism of those aspiring composers of this country who are seeking to establish nationalism in the art by struggling vainly to adapt their ideas to the ideals of the German symphonic form. Incidentally, he has some amusingly significant reflections on the part played by Dvorak's "New World Symphony" in the establishment of ragtime. Says the writer: "A horde of young American composers followed Dvorak's precept, and example, and the result was a wholesale cabbing of the Jubilee songs and a riotous emission of suites and fantasias in the pentatonic scale, and with fearful and wonderful eccentricities of rhythm. Out of this furious clash of meters and booming of kettledrums ragtime arose—a new and most horrible pestilence for a wicked world." The execrable character of this type of mu-

THE DE RESZKES

Jean De Reszke was born in Warsaw, Poland, in 1852, and Edouard, his brother, in the same city, in 1855. Their father was a hotel-keeper, and, like their mother, was passionately fond of music. Their mother had received a fine musical training. One of their sisters, who died in 1892, was a distinguished soprano, and there is a younger brother, who has a remarkably fine tenor voice, although he has never been on the stage. Jean was intended for the bar, but music had more attractions than the law, and he began the study of music, making his debut as a baritone at Venice in 1874. He found his work very tiring, and on the advice of a famous teacher abandoned baritone singing and, after practice, appeared as a tenor in 1879. He made an instant and complete success.

Edouard studied at an agricultural college, but he, too, found the charms of music too great. He went to Paris with his sister and sang in amateur concerts for a time, until his voice attracted attention, when he was given his chance on the operatic stage, where he found the way easy and pleasant.

The brothers De Reszke have found their art very profitable financially. Their estates are of vast dimensions. A few years ago they had 10,000 acres in one potato field. The homes of their employees make a village. The brothers are very wealthy, undoubtedly much more so than any other men, who have ever appeared either in opera or drama. Mr. Jean De Reszke is married. His brother is a bachelor.

MUSICAL NOTES

Madame Nordica seems more popular than ever, since her return to the stage after her marriage. Whenever she sings she adds to her laurels, and her voice is said to be more lovely than before, while her personality has lost none of its vivacity and charm. Nordica is past fifty, but she seems to possess a youthfulness that knows no change. Recently the prima donna gave a recital, aided by Madam Carreno, the famous pianist, and the enthusiasm displayed by the audience was remarkable, the applause deafening. So great was the crush at the theatre, that the performance had to be postponed fifteen minutes to enable the audience to get seated. Musical America, commenting on Nordica's singing on that occasion, says:—

"It goes almost without saying that the greatest heights attained by the singer were in the two Schubert, the Schumann and the Wagner numbers, not only because musically they are miles above the rest of her songs, but because, better than any others, they afford her scope for those qualities wherein she particularly excels. There is no singer today who can deliver the "Gretchen an Spinnrad" with such tear compelling poignancy, or who can declaim the "Erkling" with such a variety of thrilling accents. When sung in this manner, these frequently heard compositions can never become hackneyed. And what a rarely beautiful flow of sustained legato was that with which she gave the entrancing "Nussbaum!" Not only by subtleties of tone and verbal emphasis does Madame Nordica endeavor to bring out the very essence of the text, but gestures and significant facial expression lend eloquent assistance besides. Purists may, of course, object to any procedure which does not constantly keep the concert singer in the "dignified" attitude of a graven image on the stage, but no genuine music lover will ever complain."

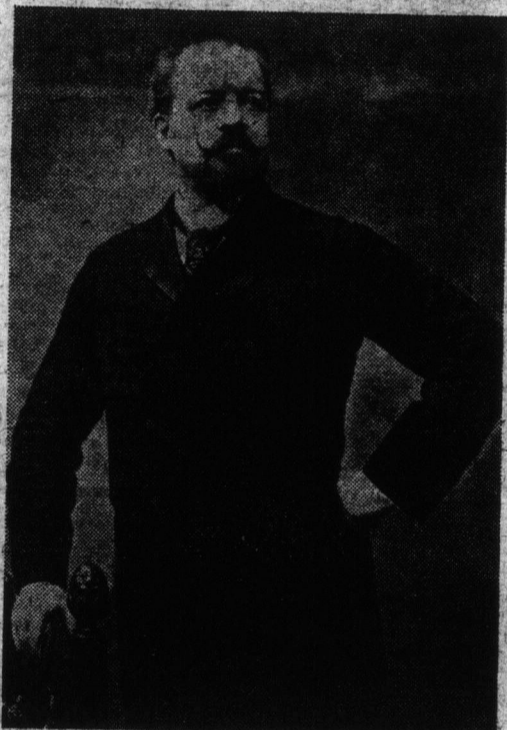
Chicago is to have an amphitheatre with a seating capacity of twenty-five thousand. It will cost \$9,000,000 and will be used principally for grand opera purposes.

Miss Kathleen Parlow, who is rapidly gaining a place among the foremost violinists of the day, is Canadian born, though she has received her education in Europe.

The latest story in regard to Caruso is one concerning a recent love affair. It is said to be a well-known fact that the great tenor's real ambition is to marry and settle down on one of his beautiful Italian estates, and, were he allowed to have his way, he would choose for his wife a beautiful little Sicilian girl whom he met recently, with whom he is in love, and who most ardently returns his affection. But interfering friends are doing all they can to keep the lovers apart, and are trying to persuade the almost broken-hearted young lady that if he marries her Caruso's future will be ruined, and that his duty is not to consider his own happiness, but rather the pleasure he can bestow upon the whole world by remaining single, and devoting his time only to his profession. If the story is a true one the young lovers are to be sincerely pitied.

Doctor Wullner, the noted song interpreter, though his first performance in San Francisco was neither understood nor appreciated, has now at his third concert, become so popular that the theatre will not hold his admirers. He is very earnest in his work, and when he once gets a hold upon an audience he carries it with him.

Sir Gilbert Sullivan's new opera "Fallen Fairies" was received with great enthusiasm by London theatre-goers. Critics do not agree in their verdict regarding it, but most of them say that it is not quite as distinctive a type of Sir Gilbert's work as they had hoped to hear. It is, however, very pleasing.



Edouard de Reszke



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SPORT OR SLAUGHTER

(Richard L. Pocock).

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A Metchoshin Farm

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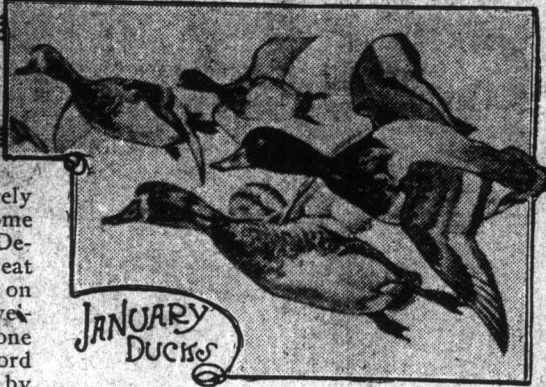
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Field Sports at Home and Abroad



The Sportsman's Calendar

JANUARY

Sport of the Month—Wildfowl shooting.
In Season—Ducks, geese, brant, snipe.
January 1st the last day for shooting pheasants, grouse and quail.

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Thousands of men and some women paid large sums for admission to witness a championship prize-fight, and called it good sport. Other thousands would consider themselves degraded by doing such a thing, and would call the others' sport brutal and demoralizing. From which it would appear that sport is a word for which we can give no hard and fast definition for general use, but that, though every one who uses it knows what he intends



A Metchoshin Farm

its signification to be, his application of it may be absolutely and entirely antagonistic to the true signification of the word in another man's mind; and from which it would also appear that the plane of true sport has, speaking generally, been considerably elevated since the days of our bull-baiting ancestors and the days when my Lord Tomnoddy was bored to death, and so found sport in the suggestion of his valet: "If it please my lord, there's a man to be hanged," and so spent the night in carousal waiting to see a poor wretch launched into eternity for what would nowadays be considered a paltry offence for which to forfeit a human life.

It would seem that, as men have grown more civilized, their notion of what is sport has grown more refined. It is usually admitted that a certain amount of cruelty is inseparable from sports of the field. As the human race has passed through the successive ages, succeeding savagery, when prisoners of war were tortured to death to make sport for their captors, to the present pitch of civilization, when perhaps the tendency with many of us is to be over-squeamish, so passes the born sportsman from the age of early boyhood, when it was good sport to catapult the song bird, through the stage when the chief pleasure was to kill, to the ultimate stage, which I notice is reached nowadays by so many doughty hunters, who leave their rifles in the rack when they answer the call of the wild and take the camera instead.

I think it should be possible to take it for granted that we have reached that stage when it should be a misnomer to call wanton taking of life, wild or otherwise, sport. Among the large body of those who I think, without dogmatizing, I may call the best sportsmen, there has long been an unwritten law against killing what cannot afterwards be used for human food, except of course noxious and dangerous animals and vermin.

Every year sees the migration to this coast of countless thousands of waterfowl, and the sport of duck shooting is one which is indulged in and enjoyed, and to my mind at least rightfully so, by large numbers of sportsmen. There are many varieties of these ducks and some are good to shoot and also good to eat, and others are easier to shoot, but, alas, much more difficult to eat. The kind of wild ducks—the mallard—is sometimes a useless bird on the table, when he has been able to feed on the rotting dog-salmon, which for a season defile our river banks and tide-flats. There are others, however, which never offend in this way, well-known to shooters, but probably the most common and the easiest to shoot of the salt-water ducks which come here are the scoters of various species—colloquially under the common name of "Siwash ducks." I have eaten Siwash ducks, when I was very hungry and there was nothing else, but I am honestly of the opinion that they do not make a dish which any white man would enjoy unless he were, as I was, very hungry indeed, and the rarer otherwise empty. I am also honestly of the opinion that a very small proportion of these ducks killed are used in any way.

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allowing the wanton destruction of these birds to go on to afford sport to those, whose conception of the meaning of the word is so low as to make it cover the shooting merely for the sake of killing of what they never think of being able to use. How many of the ducks which feed at the mouth of the main sewer at the foot of Cook street would these gunners who "pot" them every Sunday care to eat? Or who would consider they were paying a compliment by sending a friend a bunch of Siwash ducks as at present. They and the sea-gulls help to enhance the natural beauty of our shores, they add life to the picture and are good to see—alive. They do no harm and possibly some good. Is a man a sportsman who shoots them and throws their dead bodies on the beach or back into the water? Should not the word sport have grown to have a higher significance than this in this age, and should not all sportsmen of refinement do their best by example and precept to discourage and bring into contempt such wanton waste of wild life for the passing amusement of the thoughtless to give them no harder name?

THE BLACK-TAILED DEER OF VANCOUVER.

Under the above-heading D. D. has treated the readers of the London Field to the following delightfully interesting and amusing account of sport in the districts adjacent to Victoria in the early days—so early that there was then no close season for blacktail. The blue grouse seem to have been mighty fat in those days, though even then sportsmen apparently got "skunked" occasionally.

"Still-hunting" has been called the most scientific of all sports pertaining to the chase. It is the American mode of deer stalking throughout their dense mountain forests, their broad tablelands, and oak-grown parks or plains. The art of tracking and scouting reaches a high standard of perfection over such varied country, a level, seldom, if ever, attained on our own restricted deer forests even in snowtime. To men born and reared amongst the odors of the forest it implies their form of daily training from boyhood up. The laws of the jungle are as necessary to backwoodsmen as their daily bread, the provision of which, mainly depends on their acute cunning, good marksmanship, and deep knowledge of woodcraft in all its fascinating branches. Often single-handed for days together in the gloomy forest miles away from civilization, the sport of hunting these shy deer over mountain and swamp, through forest, gulch, or glade, promotes a rare state of health and condition, backed perforce by a cool head, quick action, and self-reliance, all welded together by lifelong lessons in the lore of woodcraft.

Vancouver Island, 280 miles long, fifty to sixty-five miles in breadth, is one vast stretch of pine and cedar forest, mountain lakes, willow and alder swamp, beloved by blacktail, willow grouse, and wildfowl, intersected by



The Blacktail of Vancouver Island

well-stocked salmon rivers, swift-running trout streams, and deep-cut estuaries of salt water. Except at its southern and eastern end, the hand of the destroyer has so far done little to obliterate this sporting paradise. Railways and lumber mills, salmon canneries, and sheep ranches follow each other in increasing progression; but deer, panther, and black bear still remain. A herd of wapiti still exists in the north, migrating according to season; beavers, racoons, otters, marten, mink, and squirrel still rejoice in the life-giving woodlands and streams. Gamebirds are represented by blue grouse and willow, the former up to 4½ lb. in weight (similar to our blackgame), imported pheasant, and California quail. All manner of wildfowl (I have myself shot ten different varieties in one day at Colwood Lagoon) add their varied charm to the pleasures of a mixed bag anywhere from Fort Rupert in the far north to Esquimalt.

Vancouver Island without the presence of its ferocious nature to enliven those still, silent forests would be devoid of what at present constitutes its greatest charm. The exhilarating sport of still-hunting can still be enjoyed by all, camping out for choice on the banks of a rippling trout stream or by the shores of some lonely tarn or mirrored lake, and it is by far the most effective method of securing blacktail. A packhorse may be used on the trail, or the local Siwash and his "hyas kloosch canim" offer a ready means of transport in this rugged, roadless country. The less impedimenta the better goes without saying; beans, bacon, flour, sugar, and tea form the working commissariat of prospecting miners through-

out all our colonies in the great northwest. Gun, rod, and rifle add variety to the kettle as occasion provides. A modest camp outfit and a few tinned stores can be easily packed on a horse, on one's own back, or, better still, in a canoe, and no tenderfoot neglect them. Short commons and empty stomachs put a stop to all sport; blank days resulting from bad luck, foul weather, or want of savoirfaire have always to be catered for.

Up-country trips in Vancouver seldom took me more than four days out of reach of



A Colwood Trout Stream

supplies, and during nine years of Pacific cruising I devoted much spare time to still-hunting with a single companion. Thanks to good leadership, a quickly acquired knowledge of the country, and plenty of hard work, we never once returned to our base empty handed. Our expeditions, always from the coastline, covered the country from Sooke Inlet to Saanich; from Comox, Cowichan, Drew Harbor, Qualicum River, Horn Lake and Alberni, Oyster Bay, Albert Bay, to Beaver Harbor and Fort Rupert; also on Admiralty, Denman, Lasqueti, and Deer islands; besides numerous odd excursions on the mainland from Fraser River to Metlakatla, close to Alaska.

The best sport we obtained from Esquimalt, round the familiar hunting grounds of Green Mountain, Lone Tree Hill, Colwood, Goldstream, the Happy Valley, and Metchoshin, all within an easy day's reach in a buckboard from Esquimalt itself, or some part of its lovely land-locked harbor. Extended cultivation, the island railway facilities, and better roads have, with an increasing population, partially cleared the primeval forest and driven the blacktail, like the Redskin, further west—perhaps, like that wily savage, also to suffer extinction in the relentless course of time. The canoe loaded up overnight, we always got under way by daylight, paddling up to the head of the harbor and disembarking at Parson's Bridge, near the mouth of the Mill stream; thence on foot to Pike or Prospect Lakes, or by buckboard to seek the shelter of some lonely shanty. Roads were scarce ten miles in, so we packed our kit along the narrow woodland trails leading "through interminable forest, over river, hill, and hollow," as the son of Hiawatha so poetically describes the health-giving hunting grounds of this captivating island. A lean-to of hemlock boughs, a bed of cedar branches, soft and sweet scented; a fire of dry fir cones and bark, the savory smoke stealing in blue wreaths up to the matted pines; a dish of trout from the lake or a frying-pan steak mellowed with sliced onions; a flask of rye whisky and a quiet smoke; early to bed and early to rise.

The snort, stamp, and whistle of many a startled blacktail failed to disturb our rural slumbers in these wild, secluded spots. Curiosity is as fatal to all deer as to duck on a decoy pond. A fire by night or a pine torch at a salt lick lures many an antlered head to its destruction. Toiling for duck with a red dog—better still with a tame fox—attracts inquisitive wildfowl within gunshot. Both tricks would fail to draw either fur or feather if one whiff of human scent was wafted from the stalker to the stalked.

Out at dawn, cocoa and biscuit, then still-hunting all day on favored feeding and resting grounds, our little party often separating to work both sides of a hill or a ravine or drive a swamp. Each district possessed common points of rendezvous in case we strayed apart too long or the finding and following of deer had led us in opposite directions. Small huts erected here and there by local sportsmen were very handy in wet weather; the brotherhood of the forest made us honorary members of these storehouses, sleeping huts, and common shelters. Aided by a fawn-colored setter with blue eyes, famous for deer or grouse, also by a crossbred bull mastiff who never forsook a

dowry trails, to find our second rum bottle empty, Gentleman Brown in his bunk, and almost insensible.

By daylight the weather cleared, and we started out to find Snowball, but his stable was open, horse and buckboard both gone. He had proffered help in case he heard shots in the garden, and his dog was to work with our host's Gordon setters driving deer next day; we could in no way account for his extraordinary disappearance. With Gentleman Brown horsed combat and Snowball non est, we hunted alone all day; found and moved a doe with her calf at heel in the swamp handy to the garden, but no signs, scent, or tracks of the Happy Valley buck were after. We spent hours drawing his favorite haunts without success. A few willow grouse treed by the setters, a marten, and a coon made up the mixed bag, and by sundown we worked back to the shanty, minus horns and without venison.

Gentleman Brown had recovered sufficiently to tell us an amusing story. Rather than see the big buck shot by passing strangers, old Snowball had regretted his proffered advice and hurried back to lay traps for it himself. Sharpening some stout stakes to take the deer on the drop, he let them into the ground at an angle of 45 degrees towards the fence exactly at the spot the buck always came over. The buck had come in at the usual time, soon after dark—a clear two hours before we were invited. Leaping high at the tall fence without touching a rail, he had fallen with his white chest full butt on those cruel stakes. Driven home by the drop and thus impaled, his throat

Mouth of Millstream

wounded deer until it was pulled down, rarely a day passed without exciting sport of some kind. The season lasted from August to December; bucks then shed their horns, and meat was black and poor. We shot a buck on Christmas Eve without horns near the Traveller's Rest at Colwood, another with only one horn on January 3 at Metchoshin. At Langford Lake three deer were driven to water by hounds; one buck was seized on landing, and lost its horns while struggling on the ground. As no close time existed for blacktail, the damage they did to farmers' crops brought speedy retribution all the year round. The sanctuary of those vast, unlimited natural preserves proved their chief salvation, and alone saved them from gradual extinction.

All over Vancouver Island the cultivated clearings, mostly reclaimed from the rich, alluvial swamps, are fenced off from the forest by snake fences of split pine. Without uprights, these fences are stiff enough to inclose cattle, and often stand 6 feet high. A panther leapt into a corral at the Traveller's Rest, Colwood, killed all the sheep inclosed, and went out with the fattest over his back without displacing a single rail. Treed by a Scotch terrier, his skin was tanned and made into a handsome rug as a reminder of the wild sport obtainable at Colwood. Blacktail will walk right round a fence at night and always come in over its lowest rails to ransack the corn patch or clean out the potatoes, precisely as their congeners, the red deer, do on Exmoor.

After a hard day's still-hunting round Colwood we slept the night at the log hut of one "Gentleman Brown" in the Happy Valley, seven miles further in. While broaching a bottle of navy rum a white-headed nigger looked in to tell us a big buck had come in every night over his fence and "clean cleared his potato patch; would we help to hunt him? Swearing strange oaths of vengeance over the loss of his crop by this apparently well-known warty buck, our bottle soon disappeared, likewise a prick of ship's tobacco. Plans were soon made; we were to post ourselves behind two friendly stumps that night, any time after tea p.m., and so obtain a close shot by moonlight. "We were welcome to the doe as well as the yearling calf if we could shoot them, and save the potatoes." Sundown then it was no earthly use lying out until the moon was well up the yearling calf if we could shoot them, surrounding forest. We fired our steak and lay out in the straw barn, hoping the rain would clear off, but it did not. Snowball had lit out at supper time.

Soon after ten p.m. we crept through the soaking swamp, in pouring rain, and after several severe falls over stumps in the forest, arrived at our hiding place in Snowball's garden. The drifting rain showed the wind in the right quarter, but the phantom buck was long in coming. Without waterproofs, we were wet to the skin; anxiety to secure a 12-point kept us rooted to our dripping tree stumps till 1 a.m. Nothing was heard or seen, and we floundered back across the swamp and through the sha-



Prospect Lake of Today

found the hidden stakes, much blood on the muddy ground, all the signs of a severe struggle, and buried in the brush close by the fresh paunch of a deer; finally, the tracks of man, horse, and wheels in and out of the inclosure. This, then, accounted for our long watch the previous night and the blank day which ensued. Retribution was to follow, however, and that swiftly.

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Meanwhile other carts had passed by in the rain of the night, unheard and unseen. The buck lay in the light of a full moon, with its white chest and stomach lit up, and had attracted quicker eyes than Snowball's. Seeing him inside drunk and sleepy, it was easy to lift the deer lightly out of his wagon and on to theirs, and so on quickly to dispose of it. Snowball's senses recovered at dawn; he rolled out of the bar to find his wagon still there, but empty. A lengthened search around the premises to discover the nocturnal jester let in no extra daylight to his fuddled brain. The landlord soon wearied of his noisy imputations, and sent him swearing on his road, to hunt in his turn for the phantom buck. The story meanwhile soon spread to the Happy Valley; it reached Gentleman Brown at the Coach and Horses, whither he had leant after absorbing a full quart of our old navy rum, and Snowball's downfall caused uproarious laughter. The spoiler had been spoiled, our midnight vigil avenged. Snowball remained hidden in the slums of the settlement, searching for his deer's meat maybe, long after the chaff had subsided; but he never traced the carcass or the crafty joker who stole it. The symmetrical antlers, easily recognizable by their age and size, filtered through to the store of a sporting naturalist in Fort street, and were bought soon after to decorate the tiny cabin of a British man-of-war. They can still be seen with others mounted on oaken shields in Hampshire, commemorating that disastrous naval campaign and recalling the tragic, low-down fate which befell the black-tail buck of Happy Valley.

was cut by Snowball as he lay kicking on the ground. The buck was in the cart halfway to the Travellers Rest, and en route to Victoria market, a clear hour before we arrived on the scene. Snowball had taken no risks.

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The Goldstream of Today

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Adele Verne has a sister who promises to vie with her for the honors of her chosen art. She has given several recitals and displayed evidence of distinct talent and remarkable execution. However, there cannot be too many good musicians, and any and all additions to the ranks must be welcome.

The London censor has forbidden the production of Strauss's Salome.

DE RESZKES

was born in Warsaw, Poland, his brother, in the their father was a hotelier. Their mother was passionate. One of their sisters, as a distinguished soprano, her brother, who has a rare voice, although he has age. Jean was intended for had more attractions than in the study of music, makaritone at Venice in 1874. very tiring, and on the adacher abandoned baritone actice, appeared as a tenor instant and complete suc-

at an agricultural college, he charms of music too Paris with his sister, and certs for a time, until his tion, when he was given peratic stage, where he nd pleasant.

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AL NOTES

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without saying that the ed by the singer were in Schumann and the Wag- because musically they est of her songs, but be- others, they afford her ies wherein she particu- no singer today who can am Spinnard" with such ncy, or who can declaim ch a variety of thrilling n this manner, these fre- tions can never become a rarely beautiful flow as that with which she Nusbaum!" Not only e and verbal emphasis endeavor to bring out e text, but gestures and sion lend eloquent as- sists may, of course, ob- which does not constant- inger in the "dignified" age on the stage, but no e ever complain."

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n's new opera "Fallen with great enthusiasm Critics do not agree g it, but most of them is distinctive a type of ey had hoped to hear, sing.

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LADIES' RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE, double heel and toe. Black only. All sizes. Per pair **35c**
LADIES' PLAIN CASHMERE HOSE, three different weights, fine, medium and heavy. Fast black. All sizes. Per pair **50c**
LADIES' COLD LISLE THREAD HOSE, lace ankles. Colors are taupe, mole, myrtle, rose, reseda, amethyst. Per pair **35c**

Knitted Mufflers, 35c, and 50c

KNITTED MUFFLERS of silkoline and wool, the kind that fold over. In white only. **35c**
THE MONARCH KNITTED MUFFLER, with patent dome fastener. Fits close upon neck. Colors red, green and white. **50c**

Chocolates Are Most Dainty Gifts. Special at **40c**

Friday Sale of Soiled Blankets



A rare opportunity to buy an extra good quality Wool Blanket at the price usually paid for a very inferior blanket. The fact that they are soiled does not detract from the quality in any way. The number is limited, so don't neglect making your purchases on Friday morning.

White Wool Blankets, Reg. \$6.75, Fri. \$4.50

FINE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, heavy quality, pink or blue borders. The \$6.75 quality. Slightly soiled. On Sale Friday, per pair **\$4.50**

White Wool Blankets, Reg. \$7.50, Fri. \$4.90

FINE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, very large and heavy, pink or blue borders or checked. The \$7.50 quality. Soiled. On Sale Friday, per pair **\$4.90**

White Wool Blankets, Reg. \$8.75, Fri. \$5.75

FINE WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, pure fleece, large size, very soft and warm. The \$8.75 quality. Slightly soiled. On Sale Friday, per pair **\$5.75**

Staple Articles at Bargain Prices

Damask Runners, Reg. \$1, Fri. 50c

DAMASK RUNNERS, nicely hemstitched, assorted sizes and patterns. Regular value \$1.00. On Sale Friday, each **50c**

Down Quilts Reg. \$6.75, for \$4.50

DOWN QUILTS, art silk-line covering, paneled with solid colors, large assortment of patterns. The regular \$6.75 quality. On Sale Friday, each **\$4.50**

English Striped Flannelettes

34 inches wide, large assortment of patterns. Regular value 12½c. On Sale Friday, per yard **10c**

Breakfast Cloths at Saving Prices

BREAKFAST CLOTHS of unbleached Damask, size 48 x 66, hemmed ready for use. On Sale Friday, each **50c**
BREAKFAST CLOTHS of unbleached Damask, size 60 inch x 66 inch, hemmed ready for use. On Sale Friday, each **65c**

Turkish Towels, Reg. 20c for 12½c

TURKISH TOWEL, white with red border, or unbleached with fancy red stripe. The regular 20c quality. Friday each **12½c**

Napkins Reg. \$3.50, Fri. \$2.50

HEMSTICHED NAPKINS, luncheon size, fine Austrian Damask. Regular value \$3.00. On Sale Friday, per dozen **\$2.50**

Sheeting Special at 25c

ENGLISH TWILLED SHEETING, 72 inches wide, good heavy quality. On Sale Friday, per yard **25c**

Bargains in Furs for Friday

Regular Values \$12.50, for \$2.50

We are placing on sale Friday a special line of Furs. These include Foxaline, Mink, Imitation Silver Fox, are exceptionally good bargains, and are just offered at the right time. The regular values run as high as \$12.50. To clear Friday at **\$2.50**

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

Fancy Ties and Collars for Women at 25c and 50c

FANCY SILK TIES, with striped ends and colored fringes. White, pink, pale blue and navy blue **25c**
SILK CORDED TIES, with beaded tassel ends. Colors white, brown, mauve, reseda, purple, brown, navy and black **50c**
LADIES' FANCY COLLARS of lawn and lace. Mostly in white **25c**
FANCY COLLARS of silk and satin trimmed lace, braid buttons, etc. Splendid variety to choose from. Each **50c**

Ladies' Handkerchiefs at Week End Prices

LADIES' FANCY CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, striped border with hemstitched edge. Special, each **5c**
LADIES' CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, in lawn, with narrow hemstitched border. Special, per dozen **75c**
LADIES' INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS, pure linen, with hand embroidered initial. Regular 25c. Sale, 2 for **25c**
MENS' PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, taped border. Regular \$2.50 per dozen. Sale, per dozen **\$1.50**

Men's Waterproof Coats Special at \$6.75 and \$12.50

A large assortment of Currie's celebrated Waterproof Overcoats. Prussian collars, double button fronts, waterproof pockets, \$6.75 to **\$12.50**
BOYS' AND YOUTHS' CAPES, \$1.75 to **\$2.50**

Men's Pants, Reg. \$2.50 and \$2.75, for \$1.75

Two special lines in Men's Pants, in fancy worsteds, in stripes. Regular \$2.50 and \$2.75. Friday **\$1.75**
Regular \$3.00 to \$3.50. Friday **\$2.25**

Dress Goods at January Sale Prices

FANCY LUSTRE, cream grounds with colored stripes. Sale **50c**
DUCHESS CLOTH, fine rich satin finish, in light navy, navy, marine, grey, taupe, myrtle, moss, seal brown, nut brown. Sale **75c**
SELF-STRIPED SATIN CLOTH, in reseda, navy, marine, seal brown, myrtle, gendarme, grey, taupe, 52 inches wide. Sale **\$1.00**
SATIN SOLIEL, in navy, terra cotta, grey, brown. Sale **50c**
PANAMA, navy, marine, light grey, brown, seal brown, myrtle and black. Sale **50c**
DUCHESS CLOTH, in navy, tangerine, fawn, reseda, myrtle, sage, seal brown, light brown. Sale **\$1.00**
BROADCLOTH, in seal brown, nut brown, marine, navy, light fawn, moss. 52 inches wide. Sale **\$1.25**

REMNANTS

Remnants of Dress Materials in lengths of 1 to 8 yards, consisting of serges, satin cloths, Panamas, poplins, nun's veiling, lustrés, delaines, cashmeres.

Nothing More Tasteful Than Our Chocolates at **60c**

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THEIR HOPES RUN HIGHER
Unionists Much Elated Over Polling Results of Last Two Days
ARE STILL TIED WITH COALITION
Confident of Overcoming Entire Liberal-Labor Majority

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Reports were received today for 70 seats of the next house of commons but of these 62 were voted yesterday. The results showed the election of Unionists, 24; Liberals, 26; Laborites, 1; Nationalists, 8.
The standing of the parties tonight is: Unionists, 218; Liberals, 186; Laborites, 23; Nationalists, 67.
Total gains: Unionists, 100; Liberals, 14; Laborites, 1.
Gains for seats reported today: Unionists, 19; Liberals, 4.
Balloting went on in 24 districts today, but late tonight the returns for only seven of these had been received. The other 17 will probably not report until Monday. The day was about the brightest the Unionists have experienced since the elections began last Saturday. The most strange among them hardly predicted the capture from the enemy of 19 seats, while the Liberals found small satisfaction in two gains from yesterday's belated returns and two from among the seven seats announced tonight.
Unionists Jubilant.
The week ends with the Unionists jubilant and confident. The Liberals cannot possibly count enough of the remaining elections to give them an independent majority in the house, however small. The day's results for the low the trend begun on Thursday. The coalition continue to come forth for the Unionists, who are receiving the Liberal majorities in 22 seats, and country constituencies, except in a few where party quarrels occurred or the Liberal candidates commanded great personal popularity. Nationalists are assured of the control of the house, according to all political prophets.
The report was circulated today that Premier Asquith would resign and request the King to summon a Conservative to organize the government if the Unionists failed to secure a majority of their own variety, so that they could conduct legislative business without the help of their Liberal allies. Politicians do not credit this report, and none of Mr. Asquith's utterances furnished any foundation for it. The excitement over the elections is waning in London although still intense in the provinces. The week closes in the metropolis quietly. The members of the cabinet and their principal opponents are still stamping the country and both parties are concentrating their forces in districts where they yet are to vote.
Mr. Asquith Says "If"
Mr. Asquith, speaking in Fife, twice used the qualifying phrase: "If you send us back to Westminster with an adequate majority. In that case he observed, the government intended that Scotland should share as largely as England in small holdings."
Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the electors of Carnarvon borough on the eve of the poll, thought the Liberal party should receive a majority approximate at any rate to the khaki majority of 1900. That would be a good substantial winning majority against the Lords. "I feel not merely gratified, but elated," he continued, "at the results which have come—results which I can see coming over the horizon. I have one word of warning, so that you shall not get alarmed. I do not think the results of today's polling will be good. I say so now before the declarations have come, but tomorrow we are going to get a first rate time. (Cheers.) Tomorrow will swell the Liberal majority very considerably. By the end of today we shall have worked out some of the most hopeless constituencies. We shall then begin to build pretty rapidly our majority."
Mr. Churchill at Torquay, said: "I am not in the least downhearted. The government has considered all these possibilities beforehand. If there has been any error the error has been in our not doing justice to the strength which our position has disclosed. No doubt there has been a very sharp turn of the fugal here in county divisions. Where that influence is most powerful successes have been gained by our Unionist opponents, but we have Lancaster and Tariff Reform View
Austen Chamberlain at Stourbridge said that Mr. Asquith comforted himself with the reflection that if he and his friends were going to be impotent in the next parliament to carry out their extraordinary destructive schemes the Unionists at any rate would not be able to carry out their policy of tariff reform. They would speak for the present when the election was over. (Cheers.) There was no question which interested this country more at the present moment. Tariff reform would come, whether it came a little sooner or later. Speak they severally, the Liberals were undoubtedly set back by the declarations of the past two days. Unless today's pollings, as anticipated, prove more encouraging, they will be comparatively in a very precarious condition. It requires victory in a very few more constituencies to provide the Unionists with a sufficiently strong party to give the Irishmen an occasion for power of life and death over the new parliament, and in this situation the Premier would find little consolation in the already professed support of the Unionists on all "national" questions, against