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Today's Inauguration Ceremonies to Be Witnessed By Multitude

Twelve O'clock

President Roosevelt and Presidentelect Taft slept under the same root
after a strenuous day spent in receiving callers. All the members of the
cabinet resigned, in accordance with
custom, and the labors of the inaugural ceremony were completed. Numberless hosts have gathered here from
all parts of the country waiting the
coming of tomerrow's spectacle, when
Mr. Taft will be inducted into the
highest office in the gift of the people.
The rush of visitors from all parts
of the country continued unabated today, and the city is in the usual preinaugural state of congestion. It is
estimated that fully two hundred thousand people are already here, and each
incoming train and boat adds its quota to the visiting throng. Trains from
all points are being run at intervals of
a few minutes, in order to accommodate the crowds, and railroad efficials
estimate that upwards of sixty thousand persons arrived here today by
rail up to midnight. The hotels and
boarding houses have been taxed to
their utmost to accommodate the visitors.

Numerous military and civil organi-

Following this ceremony. President Taft, heading the inaugural party will leave the capitol at 1.15 p.m. for the White House. Mr. Roosevelt will be immediately secorted to the union station, where he will board a train for New York. Between 2.50 and 5.50 p.m. President Taft will review the parade from a stand in front of the White House. The great fireworks display will occar on the Washington monument lot from 7.50 to 9 p.m. The culminating feature, the inaugural ball, will be opened in the pension building at nine o'clock p.m.

Correspondent of Berlin Paper Tells of Movement of Reserves

Regiments Being Supplied With

the rails could not be learned.

wished to hide in the Miner escape.

Mr. Ariesworth replied for the government. He stated that it was unfortunate that this matter should be discussed in the newspapers, and equally unfortunate when one of the equality unfortunate when equality unfor Syndicate Said to Have Acquired Mr. Ludgate's Lease of the Island

Minister of Justice Sharply

Corrected for Violating
Rules of Debate

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provincial should be left to look after the provincial railways.

On a couple of bills incorporating companies which it was intended should operate in Brazil, Senator Ferguson thought it well to discourage the investment of Canadian capital abroad. If Canadians wanted to do so they should do it under the laws of the country in which the investment was located. Senator Scott

## WINNIPEG EXPECTS

# Farmers' Associations of Three Prairie Provinces Insist That Project is Feasible

Hillers of Common Advanced and the Common Advanced and

More Experimental Farms Are Needed in British Columbia

### B. C. FRUIT GROWERS ARE IN CONFERENCE

Matters Relating to Shipment and Distribution Discussed With C. P. R. Men

longed discussion, and the text follows:

"Whereas: 1. The minimum weight of 30,000 lbs, is in excess of the capacity of any of the cars furnished to Okanagan shippers to date;

"E. From Spokane east a minimum actually consumed. Mr. Pitcairn said

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minus the reference to the small cars.

Another resolution was presented by Massers. Regers and Wanless which Messrs. Regers and Wanless which ages, consisting of prunes, plums, cherries, peaches, apricots and bearing be reduced from 20,000 lbs. to 18,000 lbs. as they could not be loaded to that extent without damage. Mr. Attent of the text of that extent without damage. Mr. Lanigan pointed out that this class of goods was usually sent by express, in fact the C. P. R. was the only railroad.

# LONGER COURSE

House Decides in Favor Five-Year Term of

MR. BOWSER OBJECT

Hon. Dr. Young Opposed Colleague on Medical

(From Wednesday's Daily) The advisability of the five yecourse in preparation for the pracef medicine was debated at slength by the legislature at last night session, and the attorney-general hotly opposed the system, declar that the province should wait the universities should make the years' course uniform.

Hon. Dr. Young disagreed with colleague on the issue, and decitat British Columbia was only ing to keep abreast of the time in troducing this plan.

The Medcal bill was considere mittee, but was not finished. mendments dealing with osteo nd homeopathy were adopted. Most of the night session was n committee on the now wearis ot as far as section 108 yoluminous measure, almost every tion being challenged by Mr. Mad ald (Rossland) and many section

and purchaser and to simplify (Mr. Bowser) was read the time and passed. The Water Clauses Act. Then the House went into com-tee on the Water Clauses act, ta up the tale where it had left off at afternoon sitting, namely, at

ng held over for further considera The bill to amend the law of ve

Mr. Macdonald said that the prequired of the licensee were too required of the licensee were too erous and would discriminate ags settlers and in favor of companie Mr. Hawthornthwaite (Nanai said that lakes on the land of a set belong to the settler.

Mr. Fulton said that Mr. Maccald's charge was unfair, As for other criticism he said that water on a man's land does belong to him.

water on a man's land does belong to him.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite prote against the statement that the crowns yeter on the land which a tler has paid for. He said a cle should be put in the act protecting settler in this respect. The offent section and the six succeeding tions were held over.

When the question of power c panies using water for other to power purposes came up. Mr. Moneid again objected, stating this was a result of this protest fit more sections stood over.

The next debate was over the tions dealing with the laying of for the distribution of water wi municipalities. The interpretation the word "shall" in one clause dealt with by the member for Islands, and Mr. Oliver (Delta) marked that "tonight he was pa for legal advice all it was worth wit, nothing."

municipality or company, came is much criticism. This section was en from the old act, but Mr. O (Delta) wanted to know why it sh be kept.

Mr. McPhillips (The Islands) explain this. He had, however taps throbbing when turned off, thought there must be some differ

in taps.

Mr. Oliver suggested that the

Mr. oliver suggested that the mmissioner consult some "throbbing taps." The section stood over. The Draughtsman. The Draughtsman.

Mr. Oliver said that he unders that a former attorney-general been employed to draft the bill, had spent forty-two days on it. it appeared that he had been put in clauses from the old act.

Mr. Fulton said it was no reflect on the draughtsman of the bill these clauses had been inserted. these clauses had been inserted, bill had been in operation for ty years and there had never been complaint of the provisions of

clauses.

The provision that water should be a charge on the land that the water might be shut of criticized by Messrs. Macdonald McPhillips McPhillips.

Mr. Macdonald said that the provision meant that the land pay the debts of the tenant.

Mr. McPhillips said this was a tic section. The principle was no known to the law. He also said the water should not be shut off your notice, as this would in some work a hardship. work a hardship.

Discussing further sections the Chief Commissioner stated lifted from the Old Act, Mr. Ma ald said that the Tory argument

"What is, is right."
At the end of section 108 the mittee rose and reported progre Other Bills Advanced The bill to enable the Golds Estate Company, Limited, and White Valley Irrigation and I Company, Limited, to amalgatheir water rights was read a time and a state of their water rights was read a time and a state of their water rights. The bill to enable the time and passed.

The report on the bill to amer
Vancouver Incorporation Act,
(Mr. Macgowan), was adopted.

The bill to amend the False
Foreshore Act, 1904 (Mr. Macgo
was given second reading. time and passed.

The Hardy Bay and Quatsino ailway bill (Mr. Mackay), was he second time. The bill to consolidate the relaims and water rights of John in the Cariboo country (Mr. Tho came up for second reading but debate was adjourned on motionary to the bill to incorporate the little of the second reading but the second reading the

The bill to incorporate the Columbia Lean Company (Mr. Phillips), was read the second Mr. Thomson (Victoria), moveond reading of the bill to ame Corporation of Victoria Water Corporation of Victoria

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### GRUESOME FIND

Workmen Unearth Skull on Johnson Street Yesterday Afternoon

iglas streets made a gruesome esterday afternoon when a skull brought to light at a depth of eight feet below the surface. ower jaw was missing but otherspot that Victoria's first ceme-as located over forty years ago, is probable that an ancient

House Decides in Favor of a Study

MR. BOWSER OBJECTED

Hon, Dr. Young Opposed His
Colleague on Medical
Act

the whole on the Medical bill (Dr. king.)

The clauses dealing with the internal management of the College of Physicians and Surgeons were all agreed to without debate.

Dr. King moved an amendment to the section requiring that after January 1, 1913, the applicant for a certificate to practice must hold a diplomal form the Medical School requiring a five years course of study, to the effect that every person beginning the study of medicine after Jan. 1, 1912, shall be required to produce such a diploma.

(From Wetnesslay's Daily)
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FOR OAK BAY

City and Municipality Reach a Settlement of Their Differences

RESULT OF CONFERENCE

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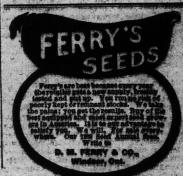
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We note that the city authorities have in contemplation some such general arrangement as is mentioned in the first paragraph of this article for we find that Mr. Thomson is to move the following section in amendment to the bill now before the bouse.

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house:
3. Section 4 of the "Victoria Water Works Act, 1873," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:
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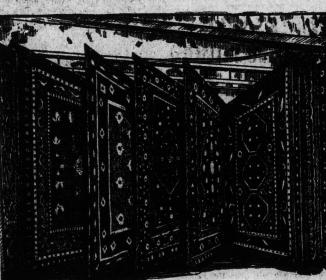
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### MANY PRIVATE BILLS **WERE ADVANC**

Yesterday Afternoon's Sitti of House Devoted to Pr vate Members

(From Thursday's Daily.) ture vesterday was devoted, entirel the consideration of private bills House were passed to the

stage.

Among these was the bill to incorporate the British Columbia Perm ent Loan company. An amen ments to be allowed the company introduced by Mr. Henderson ( and will be considered when the reaches the report stage.

A debate arose over the bill to conidate the mining and water of John Hopp in the Cariboo co of John Hopp in the Carboo coun and second reading was adjourned motion of Mr. Eagleson (Lillooet). The Goat River Water Power Light company bill was passed committee with the exception of clause dealing with expropriation p

ers.
The bill to incorporate the Pr Rupert and Port Simpson Rail Rupert and Port Simpson Rail company was given third reading The bill to incorporate the Gral Island Railway company was

third reading and passed.

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A new section was introduced Mr. Schofield giving the compower to cut down trees for a sof 75 feet on either side of their when the latter passed through wood. For the damage thus care memorastion must be made by compensation must be made pany to the owner, and in capute as to this compensation, Arbitration Act was to be taken vantage of. This was adopted.

The committee rose and repo

progress.

The bill to amend the False C Foreshore Act, 1904 (Mr. Macgow was considered in committee. The was reported complete with am

The bill to incorporate the Bay and Quatsino Sound Rai company was considered in comm The bill was reported without am The bill to incorporate the B. Permanent Loan company was sidered in committee.

B. C. Permanent Loan Mr. Henderson (Yale) introduce Mr. Henderson (Yale) introduces amendment restricting the inv ments of the company to mortg or hypothecs upon purchased or le hold real estate, or other immova and the debentures, bonds, stocks other securities of any government any municipal or school corpor-or chartered bank. He drew the or chartered bank. He drew the tinction between an investment speculative company. He said company in question was a loan opany, using the savings of comptively few people for its investment. The government should be very of ul in the matter of the securitie which the company should be alled to deal. He did not think that tinvestments should include the sectiles of incorporated companies erally.

Mr. Bowser thought that the pany to 20 per cent. of its capital in the securities of tection to the public.

It was decided that the amend uld be placed on the order The bill was reported complete

The John Hopp Bill The John Hopp Bill

The adjourned debate on the se
reading of the bill to consolidate
mining claims and water rights
John Hopp, in Cariboo, was the
order. Mr. Jones (Cariboo) said
he had about twenty telegrams
Kamloops and Barkerville prote
against the passing of this bill.
said the people in Cariboo were
posed to the bill because they bel
it was not in their interests to ta
large area of mining land by g
away the water. He said the bill
fected ten square miles of land
13,400 miners' inches of water, th
five records affecting twenty stre
having been taken out. He said
Mr. Thomson had stated that
was no need for any change in th
isting law, and within a month he
brought in this bill. The company
like a wild-cat. It wasn't a que
of getting hold of it, but of gettin
of it.

Mr. Yorston (Cariboo) said the powers asked for were grant would be unfair to the other mit He said the bill would give Mr. J power to hold up holders of claims in his vicinity for forty y He declared that the bill would I stop to prospecting in the district fected, and that the people in Ca were a unit against it.

Mr. Henderson (Yale) said tha bill would not be introduced if were easy communication with district affected. The province parting with all the land and within a radius of ten to twelve to as American citizen. Hopp asking for 19,066 acres, 13,400 m inches of water and the entire of French creek. "We have not the information

"We have not the information cessary to discuss this matter businesslike way," said Mr. He son, "The law of the land states not more than ten claims sha amalgamated, while this bill ask twenty. It also asks that less shall be required than is requireder the law on the claims he holds, and that work done on retate claims shall also count und tate claims shall also count und

He said that the bill was a npt to grab land and water, ison given and for no claim.

giving away by the proving rights over a section of terms. the giving away by the proving the rights over a section of ter and receiving nothing therefor.

Mr. McPhillips (The Islands duced a telegram from 55 gent in the district affected in favor bill. He said that the Cariboo try was not an individual necountry, but one for the operation companies or men with large companies.

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of House Devoted to Private Members.

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The said that the private bills committee had taken care to make the bill conform to the Water Clauses Act, and secured protection in the way of indemnity to the interests affected by the diversion of water in the district.

Mr. Eagleson (Lillocet) moved adjournment of the debate.

The House adjourned until 8.30.

MRS. JENNS DIES

Wife of Rector of St. John's Church

### **ASSIST IN THE GREAT WORK OF DEVELOPMENT**

Colwood and Metchosin Districts to Co-Operate in Island's Interests

The afternoon sitting of the legislature yesterday was devoted entirely to the consideration of private bills, and a number of the private bills before the House were passed to the report the British Columbia Permannent Loan company. An amendment dealing with the nature of the investments to be allowed the company was introduced by Mr. Henderson (Yale) and will be considered when the bill to concombate the mining and water rights of John Hopp in the Cariboo country, and second, reading was adjourned on motion of Mr. Bagleson (Lillooet). The committee with the exception of the commany bill was passed in committee with the exception of the commany was given third reading and passed.

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The committee rose and reported progress.

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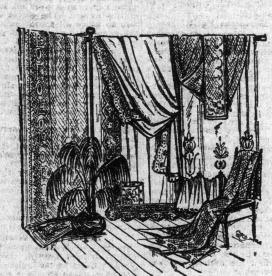
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to the best manner in which immediate action can be taken whereby a transcontinental railway can be brought to the island was unanimously passed. Resolutions advocating the establishment of a ferry and the opening up of public roads to the sea were carried as well as a resolution impressing upon the provincial government the necessity of a rural telephone service.

Relative to the question of telephones. A. W. McCurdy suggested that the other rural districts be communicated with and all co-operate in urging upon the government the necessity of a better telephone and mail service.

Following the meeting refreshments were served and dancing indulged in Cheers for the King and the Colwood and Metchosin Development Association were heartily given. A considerable amount was subscribed towards the funds of the association, elected some time ago, are as follows:

Honorary president, Dr. Watt; president, George Heatherbell; vice-president, George Heatherbell; vice-president, W. O. Sweatman; secretary, C. E. Griffiths.

Delegates to the Vancouver Island Development League—H. C. Helgesen and A. Wales.

Directors—A. H. Peatt, J. H. Hirst, Capt. Gosse, A. F. Frewing, M. Porter, D. Henry, John Wallace, D. Bell, G. Weir, H. Fisher, R. Skelton and J. Foster.

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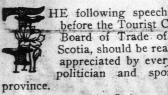
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# GARDING THE BIOGRAPHY O

ILLS introduced into the legislature are of three kinds, and though all of them are apt to pass through a somewhat checquered career before finally, if ever, receiving the Royal assent,

still their initial vicisitudes vary somewhat. They may be classified as public bills, private bills and money bills.

The first, whether in the hands of the government or a private member, are introduced in the same way. The honorable member in charge of the measure asks leave of the House to introduce it. This is a matter of form and is invariably granted, for, so far, not even the Socialists have commenced obstruction so early in the proceedings. Next the bill is read a first time, also a formal proceeding. The next is the second reading, and here the trouble begins and the bill often ends. On second reading, the House passes upon the principle supposed to underlie the would-be statute, the details being left for committee

Once the second reading is reached, the career of the different kinds of bills are very similar, so the troubles of the private bills in their earlier history may now be enquired into. Private bills are introduced by petition presented by some member, and are, as a matter of course, referred to the committee on standing orders and private bills. It is not as easy as it sounds to introduce a private bill. There are many formalities to be complied with. Such bills are nearly all applications for some sort of charter on the part of corporations, and they have to advertise their intentions for a stipulated time in the Gazette, and also in the paper published in the district where the enterprise is to be carried on. This advertisement has to be put in by a stated date, and is supposed to correspond with the petition, and both are intended to state concisely the intent of the legislation asked for. There is quite an art in drawing up these

advertisements and petitions, and most of counsel. It sometimes hapens that the most the advertisement that the ordinary person on reading it will not have the faintest idea what is wanted, and yet to so draw it that when the committee compare it with the bill before them, they will be obliged to admit that the objects of the bill are set forth. Thus the bill acts as a key to the riddle, and there are several individuals in British Columba qute

adept at this art.

The first interview with the committee on standing orders is often a serious one for the bill, or rather for its promoters. This stage is at the beginning of the session when the committee is fresh and zealous. The least departure from the standing orders is eagerly seized upon, and the promoters promptly mulcted in double fees. A bill is hardly ever rejected at this stage, but those in charge of it often have to pay handsomely for mistakes in advertising and procedure generally.

Finally the bill is reported back to the House, and, when the fees have been paid to the clerk, it gets a first reading, and is referred back to the appropriate committee. This is either the private bills committee or the railway committee, the last named considering the merits of all applications for railroad charters. This is where most of the bills have trouble, and where the real work of legislating is done. Those promoting the bill, or their parliamentary agent, usually a lawyer chosen for his astuteness and for being politically on the side of the dominant party in the House, appear before the committee in support of the bill. Here also appear the objectors to the bill. They have similarly to file a petition against the bill and are then allowed to appear either personally or by counsel.

bills or the railway committee are quite interesting, and noteworthy and candid explanations of the motives of the other side are freely laid before the members by the opposing

them are very concise indeed The science of innocent looking bill comes to an untimely this kind of drafting consists in so wording end in this way Occasionally the committee takes sides, but as a general rule the bills are discussed and considered both carefully and impartially, without reference to party lines. Every once in a while a member will evince an unusual interest in a bill and almost openly work to get it through. This is rare, and when it happens the honorable member on the next occasion is generally found loud in support of the rights of the "dear people," and so squares himself with his constituents. The press is admitted while arguments before the committee are going on, and sometimes full reports are published. Generally speaking, much less space is given to committee work than to the proceedings of the House, with the result that it has been noticed that some members prefer to reserve their objections until the bill reaches the House. On such occasions people have been known to be unkind enough to suggest that eloquent arguments on the floor of the House attract more attention, and so are better electioneering material than representations more quietly made in

Once the bill has got through committee, or what is left of it, is reported to the House, and comes on for second reading in due course. Sometimes this is perfunctory, as the House takes it for granted that the committee has gone thoroughly into the matter and eliminated any provisions dangerous to the public weal. It not infrequently happens, however, that the oponents of the bill, defeated in committee, transfer their efforts to. the floor of the House, and then a battle royal is in order. A report from a committee rejecting a bill on principle—"That the preamble is not proved" is the recognized for-Frequently the sessions before the private mula—is nearly always adopted, and the bill is almost always dropped for the session.

. In public and private bills alike, the main principle of the bill is discussed on the second reading with the Speaker in the chair.

The next stage, that of committee of the House, sees the Speaker retire, preceded by the sergeant-at-arms bearing the mace, and the proceedings are presided over by the chairman of the committee. The chairmen are chosen by arrangement between the two chief parties alternately from either side of the House, and their business is to read the bill through clause by clause, which is thus discussed seriatim. On second reading honorable members are only allowed to speak once, but they can talk as often and as long as they please in committee, with the result that this stage is frequently a very loquacious proceeding.

The committee over, the bill is nearly through its troubles. The committee reports the bill to the House as amended, and the report is usually accepted without a division. But in the case of highly contentious bills, when every expedient is used to delay its progress and compass its defeat, there may be another debate on the acceptance of the report. Similarly on the third reading, debates are in order, though little opposition is manifested, except in exceptional circumstances, as if a bill reaches third reading it is under all ordinary circumstances bound to pass.

The third reading over, the Speaker cries, "Shall the preamble pass?" and next, "Shall the bill pass?" This ends the bill so far as the House is concerned. All that remains is the assent of the Crown given by the Lieutenant-Governor. This is only withheld in rare cases, though it sometimes happens. If the Royal assent is given, the bill becomes law, though even then there is still one more chance of a slip between cup and lip. The Dominion government can disallow the legislation any time within a year of the act becoming law. This is done by Dominion orderin-council, a recent example of which was the disallowance of the Natal Act of the last ses-

A money bill differs from the foregoing in

that it has to be sent down to the House by special message from the Lieutenant-Governor, and can only be introduced by a member of the government of the day. Apart from that its career is nowise differs from that of any other public bill. Also there is Supply, but, as Kipling says, that is another story.

In order to ensure the proper and orderly despatch of business it has been found necessary to pass many rules, which may be obtained at the parliament buildings in a neatly bound book, and, like the parliamentary procedure generally, they are largely based on the English practice. The member for Delta is currently reported to know them all by heart, backwards, with a number of additional ones for use in emergencies. All are not so expert, but a fair working knowledge of the rules is necessary for those who would take an active part in legislative work.

Generally speaking, a bill can only be advanced one stage at each sitting of the House, but it can be put through all the stages provided no one objects. This rule recalls an incident which occurred a few years ago on the last day of the session. The then member for Grand Forks, now a Victoria business man, had charge of an important private bill which had been presented very late in the game, so late that on the last day of the session it had not advanced beyond the second reading. He wished to put it through the last day, and a canvass of the members of the House seemed to show that there was no objection. Unfortunately he reckoned without the member for Ymir, since promoted to be a government agent. The last named legislator rose in his place to make his first and last speech of the session.

That was all that was necessary. The bill could not be further proceeded with that day, and that evening the House was pro-rogued. The bill died and has been forgotten, but the incident is still spoken of by the oldtimers in the press gallery.

# The Fish and Game Are Our Undeveloped Assets

HE following speech by Dr. Breck before the Tourist Committee of the Board of Trade of Haliax, Nova Scotia, should be read and the lesson appreciated by every business man, politician and sportsman in the province.

Dr. Breck said: It is very difficult to talk about hunting and fishing from the standpoint of pure business. So many look at it as a pastime only, and one that can be indulged only by the rich or those living near the . What expression is more common than, "O. I don't care anything about sport; never had a fishing rod in my hand," etc. But how many mine-owners ever had a pick in their hands or how many deep-sea fish operators ever handled a line or trimmed a sail? It is hard to forget the sentimental side of sport. But this is just what I want you to do now. Nobody on earth appreciates the other side better than I—the beauty of the woods, the excitement, the health-giving outing, and all that. I could, if I were speaking before an anglers or hunters' club, indulge in ecstacies as dithyrambic as any poet's, but here and now I want you to regard me solely as you would the agent for any new industry that I feel will help enrich our province. If there is anything that has been dinned into my ears since I came to Nova Scotia, and it is the burden of every speaker from Earl Grey down, it is that this province is a really rich but undeveloped country.

Now I stand here to call your attention to an industry which has never been developed to any extent, but in which I am convinced there are riches for us, if taken up and managed purely as a business proposition. I mean the exploitation of our game and inland fisheries, which is, of course, mainly a part of the tourist industry. It is no new idea, but one that has certainly not been appraised at anything near its proper value.

We are met here by the first objection, which comes mostly from a certain class of short-sighted sportsmen, who say "Our game and fish for ourselves!"

This would be a legitimate cry if by selling our goods to foreigners we lessened the supply of our own people. But I shall try to show you that this is far from being the case. The truth is the exact opposite. This old cry is as silly as if a cloth manufacturer or an apple grower should say, "Our products for ourselves!" That would be a fine business man indeed! On the contrary, a modern nation's commercial status is pretty nearly measured by the amount of its exports.

On this side of the Atlantic we nearly all believe in protection. Well, we protect our game and fish by a tariff just as our other products, only instead of a tax we impose a license. But this is the best of all taxes for us, for the reason that the foreigner pays not only it, but comes among us and spends many

times as much while he is here. The appreciation of the commercial side has been a gradual development with me. Residing at South Milford for some years past, I saw the great sporting advent. I long noted the splendid climate, but wondered at the impossibility of using such vast tracts of country that only the lumberman and the

sheep-raiser could ever hope to make anything of. The growth of summer hotels in the Adirondacks, etc., has solved that problem. Then for the reasons for the importance of the sporting side of the tourist question:
"Trade follows the sportsman." The

sportsman pays for the protection of the game. The manager of the Bangor and Aroostook railway wrote: "I do not think it an exaggeration to say that of half the passenger train mileage a good part of each year in the state of Maine is made possible only by the patronage of the visiting sportsmen and pleasure-seekers."

Just a glance backward at the story of game protection, a look at the actual situation now, and a hint at our future policy.

It is an axiom that, without enforced law, game speedily disappears, and also fish, though

less quickly, being more numerous. For many years the carrying out of the the Game Act w of the old Game Society, to which we must ever be very grateful, for it stood between our game and its extermination. If it had not stopped the hounding of moose there would not now be any left. For a time the moose increased, so that they are fairly plentiful in districts where they were not known before. But other elements were at work. In the old days hunting was mostly confined to those who had good hounds and to Indian callers, but the number of hunters increased largely, the arts of still-hunting and calling were learned from the Indians, and the deadly repeating rifle made its appearance.

The apparatus of the Game Society for the protection of the game did not increase with the growth of sport, and the game again began to disappear. Serious complaints were heard from many parts of the province, and a couple of years ago the government took the execution of the Game Act out of the hands of the Game Society, and placed it in those of a Game Commission. This was largely the work of the new People's G. & F. P. Association, a flourishing organization with branches all over the province, which has no administrative power, but a good deal of influence.

Now for the actual present situation, in other words, our stock in trade. Moose are barely holding their own. The balance of the testimony is on the other side. Commissioner Knight does all he can, but simply has no money to pay men to patrol the woods, which, as any woodman knows, is the only method to prevent violation of the act. Stories of moose killed out of season by poachers, lumberjacks and others, and of snaring, come from all directions. As for our once famous salmon streams, the situation is scandalous. Trout? God has stocked our streams, but we have taken no steps to preserve our heritage.

We have played fast and loose with the wealth that the Almighty has bestowed upon us in such prodigality, and we are still doing so; but in spite of all our trout fishing is about the best in the world, we still have plenty of salmon, and nearly every non-resident who goes out with a good guide gets his moose. But I ask you to contemplate for a moment the value of this province as a sporting asset if we should treat this whole important question as a cold business proposition.

We are in the position of a couple of brothers who own a fine orchard, run by one of them with next to noucare. He neither understands growing apples nor does he hire experts to teach him. The small boys of the neighborhood plunder him to their hearts' content, and, while he has still a lot of fine apples to sell, and there are thousands aching to buy them, he takes little or no trouble to seek out these would-be customers and exchange his apples for a lot of their good money. But the other brother comes along, sees how badly the orchard is being run, and expostulates. But his brother objects that he has no money to go to any such expense, and he wants his apples for his own use. He is made to see that putting some capital into the business by selling at a high price he will have all the money he need to improve and increase his stock, and that he will also have more and better apples for himself. Do you see the

When a new business is started the owners, if they are wise, study the methods of some similar institution that has notoriously made a great success in the same line. Such an institution for our purposes is the state of Maine, which is only about one-third larger than Nova Scotia, and by no means more favored by Nature so far as fish and game are concerned, and we have moose where she has deer plus a very few moose. But do you know how much it is estimated that Maine receives every year as indirect revenue from non-resident sportsmen? Anywhere from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000! Let us split the difference and say \$20,000,000. Maine charges a big-game fee of \$15, half as much as we do, and nothing for fishing, but her direct income from licenses alone is nevertheless over \$30,000 a year. As for the indirect income, many short-sighted people, whose grounding in the laws of economy is shaky, will say, "Oh, that's all very nice for guides, but it doesn't help us!

But what is the fact? From the very moment a man in Boston puts his hand into his pocket to buy his ticket for Yarmouth or Halifax he begins to add to the revenues of Nova Scotia, and he continues to contribute to our coffers at every step he takes on our soil. Now does all this money go to the guide? Of

course not. Warden Jenner, now departed, but still helping us by his magnificent example, said that, at a conservative estimate, every sportsman who came here spent at least \$200 on an average, but this is too small; it will be nearer three hundred. Maine has been at this job in a businesslike way for many years, and this year's report of her Game and Fish Commission says, speaking of money expended on fish hatcheries: "For every dollar spent on trout hatcheries, the state has received three hundred!" That seems a pretty good proposition. And nobody ever heard a state of Maine man complain that catering to non-residents has spoiled his own fishing

or hunting, for he knows better. Now, how is it in our sister province, New Brunswick? Just the same, though in a less degree, for they have been a shorter time at the game. Ten years ago the appropriation for game protection was the same as ours;

now it is \$35,000, or \$15,000 outside of direct chapter to sport in its pretty "Vacation Days." income. She receives directly from licenses about \$33,000 a year, and from this you may make a guess at her indirect revenue from sport. In 1905 it was \$20,000; in 1908, \$35,000. This increase was the result of ad-

States, we should now be enjoying at least ten or twelve millions of revenue, besides having better sport for ourselves. Now, why is this unfortunately by no means the case? And why have our neighbors so prospered? Simply because of lack of appreciation, and

On our area, as compared with these two

the failure to see that our sporting asset must be treated as any big business enterprise is. What does Maine do?

In the first place, she grants no monopolies of fishing or hunting rights on uncultivated

them salaried and some receiving as high as \$1,400 a year. There are over 2,000 guides, first edition, I hope not so bad. paying \$1 a year for registration. She maintains eight first-class fish-hatcheries under trained superintendents, and has just appropriated the money for still another. She has a Game, Fish and Forest Commission of three matters. gentlemen, all experts, one to look after game, one fish, and the third forests, and these men are highly salaried, for they give all their time. to their tasks, and do not regard them as sideissues, as with us.

Maine this year has voted \$47,500 out of the public treasury for fish and game interests, besides \$2,000 for an additional hatchery. Deducting the \$30,000 received for licenses, we have over \$17,000, put into the business to keep up the plant, as it were, and Maine considers this a pretty good proposition, inasmuch as she receives in return so many millions of indirect revenue. Can there be any question that she is right?

And now for Nova Scotia. What do we do in this line? We spend yearly on game protection something like \$2,500, nearly \$2,000 of which comes as licenses and fines, so that we acctually put our hands in our own pockets for about \$500 or \$600. This means that every man, woman and child in this fair province sacrifices for this great national enterprise the enormous sum of 1.200 of one cent apiece!

Gentlemen, such prodigality is appalling! Now, gentlemen, one final consideration: It is not enough to have a fine plant and to turn out even the best of goods. We must bring them to the notice of the buyers.

Maine, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Quebec and other states and provinces are alive to the efficacy of advertising. It is certainly one of the commonplaces of business. today that advertising is a prime necessity. These other places never fail to be well represented at every sportsmen's show; they have their sporting advantages worked up in the newspapers and magazines; their chief railways and steamship lines get out fine pamphets devoted to sport alone.

What do we want in this important line? The I.C.R. has issued a really beautiful "Forest, Stream and Seashore" booklet, part of which treats of Nova Scotia. All honor to its enterprise. The D.A.R. devotes only a

The Canadian Northern publishes a meagre pamphlet the "Road to Sport," part of which s devoted to sport on our S. W. shore.

Sport is barely touched upon in the many local summer resort pamphlets and folders. We have never been represented at any sportsmen's show. Truly it may be said that we have hidden our light under a bushel. And it is a thousand pities, for we have the goods and there are thousands eager to buy them if we but place them in sight. All this is very, very little.

We must advertise. And here it may, perhaps, be forgiven me if I mention the forthcoming "Sporting Guide" authorized by the Maritime Board of Trade, which will appear in a few weeks, and which I trust will be supported by all good Nova Scotians, and prove a source of revenue to our province. It is not She employes over 100 wardens; many of a very elegant publication, and not by any em salaried and some receiving as high as means perfect, but its facts are true and as a

> In conclusion I feel that I have been playing rather the part of the "kicker," of the iconoclast who pulls down, and you will perhaps ask of me what should be done to remedy

The obvious answer is that we should imitate whatever has been proved successful by our neighbors in other provinces. Our provincial government should administrate this magnificent enterprise as a business proposition, and the results will justify us a thousandfold. The railway and steamship and hotel services must needs expand and improve, and the whole province will enormously benefit. We sportsmen are open to this suspicion of prejudice-It is to you business men we look to convince our legislators.

Whenever any steps are taken to have change made in the Game Act, the legislators are disposed to treat the matter as a joke more than anything else. "Oh let us alone" is the frequent cry when amendments to it are sought, but the fact must be impressed on them that the Game Laws are in a state of flux like the budget and need revising every year... When the legislators are educated to that view the cause of game protection will be much advanced.

ON AN UNSUCCESSFUL HUNT

Yes, it was a luckless morning, if you chose to call

But, believe me, boys, I really do not care:
I have lived, and breathed, and labored, and been
happy just to know
What the wilderness vouchsafed me unaware.

I have journeyed near to Nature through her Temples of the Woods,
And have hearkened what her children have to say;
I have pried into her secrets, have observed her many

And am wiser for the lessons of the day. We have often marked an angler coming home with empty creel,
Yet he was not made a butt of mock-delight:
Why, then, should we be so blatant of the "sympathy"

For a hunter coming gameless home at night? Though you fellows have me bested, I am careless of

your jeers,
For it is net all of sportsmanship to slay;
can think of him as thriving for the sport of ether And am glad I did not kill my buck today. Frank C. Riehl, in Outdoor Life.

# A Manufacturer's Surplus Stock of Wash Suits, Skirts, Blouses and Kimonas on Sale Friday

A big quantity is involved in this sale of garments of various kinds. They are the surplus stock of a big eastern manufacturer, and we secured the lot at a very large saving. The maker was working on Fall goods and wanted room, so our offer for the lot was accepted. We offer the lot for sale on Friday and feel safe in saying that this is one of the best bargain opportunities that has been offered by The Big Store for some time. The list of articles includes Kimonas, Dressing Jackets, Blouses, Wash Suits, Muslin Skirts, Pique Skirts and Lustre Skirts, many of the lines are marked at half the regular figure.

KIMONAS, made of Japanese

\$1.50 Dressing Jackets 75c DRESSING JACKETS, in colored muslin in pretty designs, crepe in a variety of odd colalso fine quality zephyrs in different colors. Worth to orings and designs. Worth to \$1.50. Friday ..... 75¢ \$1.50. Friday .. .. .. 75¢

\$2.75 Wash Skirts WHITE MUSLIN SKIRTS, a big assortment of patterns, beautifully trimmed with lace

and embroidery. Worth

3.75 Wash Skirts \$2.25 \$3.75 Wash Skirts

WASH SKIRTS, in white muslin, fancy ducks, white piques and other washing materials. Worth to \$3.75. Friday ..... ..... \$2.25 \$3.00 Wash Suits WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST

SUITS, made of white and colored muslins, and fancy prints in light and dark colors. Worth to \$3.00. . . . \$2.00 \$1.25 White Blouses

Friday ...... 75c WHITE MUSLIN BLOUSES, a good variety of neat designs, nicely trimmed, less than the price of materials. Worth to \$1.25. .. 75¢ 

Friday ...... \$2.50 \$3,50 Wash Suits

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST SUITS, made of white and colored ginghams and fine 

\$1.50 White Blouses \$1.00

WHITE MUSLIN BLOUSES, good designs, trimmed with embroidery and lace, long and short sleeves. Worth to \$1.50. Friday \$1.00

Friday ...... \$3.50 \$4.75 Wash Suits

WOMEN'S SHIRT WAIST SUITS, made of fine white and colored muslins, some very pretty suits. Worth to \$4.75. Friday .. .. .. \$3.50

WHITE MUSLIN WAISTS, made of lawn, nicely trimmed with laces and embroideries, good designs. Worth \$1.75. Friday .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. \$1.25 \$3.50 Lustre Skirts \$1.50

LUSTRE SKIRTS, in various plain colors and pretty fancy patterns, all in full pleated styles. Worth \$3.50. Friday's

Friday ...... \$1.50 \$2.25 White Waists

WHITE MUSLIN WAISTS. very attractive styles made of lawn and nicely trimmed with embroidery and lace. Worth \$2.25. Friday .. \$1.50

### Linens at Special Prices

These Linens were bought away below regular, and at these prices are values that should induce speedy buying. We don't often have the opportunity of offering goods like these at less than the regular figure. HEMSTITCHED RUNNER, 48 in. long. Each ..... 25¢ DAMASK RUNNERS, hemstitched, at 65c, 75c and ....\$1.00 FRINGED BREAKFAST CLOTHS, 4 in. square, in white white with pink, white with blue borders, also blue and blue grounds, with figured designs. Each ..... 75¢ LINEN CLOTHS, hemstitched damask, 36 in., 40 in. and 50

# Friday Price Magnets in the

different sizes. Each ..... 25¢

LINEN DOYLIES, damask centre with hand-crochet each,

The opportunities to save on articles in this department were never better than at present. This list of specials for Friday contains many articles that you could use, and the prices are very attractive.

REAL, CUT GLASS VASES, assorted styles and shapes:

41/2 inches high. Regular 35c. Special Friday ..... 20¢ 6 inches high. Regular 50c. Special Friday ..... 25¢ 8 inches high. Regular 75c. Special Friday ..... 35¢ PLAIN THIN GLASS VASES, straight sides: nches high. Regular 50c. Special Friday .. .. .. 35¢ REAL CUT GLASS CREAM JUGS, polished bottoms: 1-3 pint size. Regular 50c. Special Friday ..... 25¢ REAL CUT GLASS CREAM JUGS, polished bottoms: REAL CUT GLASS OPEN SALTS: REAL CUT GLASS KNIFE RESTS, two sizes:

1-2 pint size. Regular 75c. Special Friday ..... 35¢ Regular per pair, 75c. Special Friday ..... 50¢ GARDEN SPADES. Friday Special ..... 90¢ GARDEN RAKES. Friday Special ..... 75¢ BUCK SAWS, very strong. Friday Special .. .. .. 65¢ WOOD CLOTHES HORSES, two sizes. Special Friday, SNOW BALL CLOTHES WASHER, with fly wheel, makes it easy to operate, having a contrivance which takes the clothes both ways alternately, prevents tearing. Friday HEAVY AXES, with good handles. Regular 85c. Friday FOLDING CLOTHES DRYERS. Regular \$1.00. Friday WICKER WASTE PAPER BASKETS, three sizes. Friday Special, \$1.00, 75c ..... 65¢ LAUNDRY HAMPERS, plain finish. Friday Special .. \$2.00 WIRE SPONGE BASKETS, will fit on bath tub rim. Friday Special ..... 25¢ WIRE SOAP STANDS. Friday Special ..... 5¢ WIRE POT CLEANERS. Friday Special ..... 15¢ WIRE PIE PLATE LIFTERS, no trouble to remove the hot pies from the hot oven. Friday Special ..... 20¢ OVAL WASH BOILERS, three sizes, with copper bottoms. Friday Special, \$2.00, \$1.75 ...... \$1.50 ROUND WASH BOILERS, medium size. Friday FRENCH RAT CAGES, with trap door. Friday Special 50¢ NICKEL THREE-ARM TOWEL RACKS. Friday Special ..... 15¢ METAL CAKE MIXERS. Friday Special ..... \$2.00

## Quality Clothing at Saving Prices

Men's \$18.00 Spring Suits for \$12.50

A Special Line of Men's Suits for Friday's selling. As an inducement to buy your spring suit early, we offer this bargain for Friday. These suits were made to sell at \$18.00. We bought them at a special price, intending to run them as leaders, but not at such a low price as the one quoted. However, for Friday we will sell these new and natty spring suits, some are the Fit-Right brand and others are makes just as good and desirable. They are single and double breasted styles, in a good variety of cloths and colorings, suits that are worth \$18.00 easily. Friday's price.....



### FOOTWEAR SPECIALS THAT ARE EXTRA GOOD

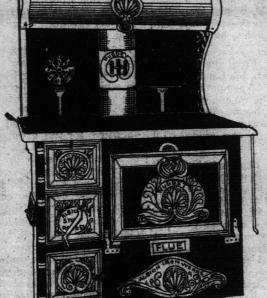
These are a few lines taken at random from our immense new stock of spring footwear, and give you some idea of the values that we have here for you.

MEN'S OXFORDS—Dongola, Blucher Oxfords, sewn soles. Very Special . . . . \$1.75 MEN'S BOOTS-Strong buff leather lace boots, screwed soles, a splendid working boot ...... \$2.25

WOMEN'S OXFORDS-Tan and black Dongola Blucher Oxfords, light turn 

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WOMEN'S BOOTS-Box calf Blucher boots, stout sewn soles ..... \$2.00 COLLEGE GIRLS' BOOTS-Tan and black Dongola Blucher boots, low heels, a stylish and serviceable boot, sizes 21/2 to 5 .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. .. \$2.00 \$ CHILD'S BOOTS-Box calf lace boots, sewn soles, sizes 8 to 10½ ..... 90¢



**EXCELLED BY NONE EQUALLED BY FEW** 

# The Nugget Range

This splendid Range, made right here in our own town, is without doubt one of the best ranges on the market. It has every new and up-to-theminute idea that serves to make using the stove less labor. It is extra heavy around the oven, insuring a steady heat and no danger from buckling. It is made of the very best materials by expert workmen, it is made here in Victoria, and goes direct from the factory to yourself. What is saved in freight and handling charges you get in the quality of the ma-terials used. The price, as illustrated, is

\$62.50

### Friday Values in the Men's Store

These lines are all new goods, many shown for the first time, and the prices are sure to appeal to you, as the values are exceptionally good.

MEN'S COLLARS-Special quality imported white linen collars, made in all the leading shapes and all sizes and widths. NEW PINK SHIRTS-The finest range we have ever had to sell at \$1.00. The best Canadian make, soft finish and pleated fronts, made with separate cuffs or cuffs attached, in a fine variety of prints and percale, mauves, greens, blues, fawns, tans, in stripes, checks and plain shades. Special price ...... \$1.00 MEN'S SHIRTS-Finest quality woven Oxford print and zephyr shirts, the patterns woven right through the material, stripes, checks and plain shades, pleated and soft bosoms, some coat styles with cuffs attached. Special \$1.50 MEN'S NEW SILK NECKTIES, fancy silk in the latest brocades and tints, including some fine poplins, the best Canadian and American styles. Special ..... 75¢ FANCY AND PLAIN SILK NECKTIES, just opened out in

a splendid range of shades. Special value ..... 50¢ PLAIN POPLIN TIES, made with the seam at the side, or they can be reversed, a fine range of plain shades, reds, blues, greens, mauves, greys. Special.......... 50¢ MEN'S UNDERWEAR, new Balbriggan shirts and drawers, plain natural shade and natural shade and blue striped. Special per garment ..... 50¢

MEN'S UNDERWEAR, heavy natural shade ribbed Balbriggan shirts and drawers. Special per garment ........ MEN'S SOX, good quality cotton sox in black and tan. Extra

### Special Prices on Stationery

Savings on Stationery and such articles, however small, are worth taking advantage of. Our prices are the lowest possible and you can save considerable by making your purchases

300 BOXES OF STATIONERY, 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes, colors blue, white or grey, figured or plain. Regu-ENVELOPES, white wove, well gummed, No. 7, 250 in box. ENVELOPES, 500 in box, white, No. 7, well gummed, excel-ENVELOPES, extra quality, 250 in box. Per box ..... 65¢ ENVELOPES, blue lined. Per box of 250 ...... 75¢ SPENCER'S LEADER TABLET, ruled or plain, small size ...... 10¢ LINEN FINISH ENVELOPES to match tablets. Per JACKS REFERENCE BOOK ..... \$1.25 DOMINION COOK BOOK ..... \$1.00 LINEN NOTE PAPER, per quire ..... 10¢ SIXPENNY NOVELS, each ...... 15¢

New "Quite Right" Shoes for Men



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### **RETTER FEELING** IN COAL FIELD

Good Prospects of Agreemen Between thte Miners and Operators

President Lewis Cordially R ceived By Officials of Companies

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 6.—Haviompleted arrangements, so far as tiners' representatives are concerns the meeting between the officers thractic coal operators in Philadelph on Thursday next for the purpose making a new agreement between temen and their employers, Mr. Lew national president of the miners' of ganization, left late today for India

Hazelton for the purpose of invit-the individual operators to particip in next week's conference. Mr. Le-called upon W. L. Cake, president the Individual Operators' associati ion, and he participated in the gotiations three years ago, when present three years' agreement arranged. This agreement expires

arranged. This agreement expires March 31.

There is a distinctly better feeling the hard coal fields regarding to outcome of the negotiations. This no doubt due to the cordial manner which Mr. Lewis says he was receively the president of the coal-carrying roads when he met them individua in New York and Philadelphia to a sange a conference. Business many is

Not Talking.

A meeting of the district execut board was held here this afterno. It is reported that operators are w ling to make certain concessions if

was president and business manage the defunct Poole Publishing comps of Toronto, was found guilty of taining from the Farmers' bank false pretences the sum of \$2,000. S tence was deferred.

B. C. Southern Tax Case. Nelson, March 4.—The hearing appeal of the B. C. Southern B. R. S. Lefinte. The injunction as for in the supreme court to rest the government from making an sessment of the lands in question not affect this hearing. The cas arousing much interest, owing to

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is as nothing to the students
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them have been sold for ridicu
sums.

Alleged "Dumping." Washington, March 6.—The all practice of foreign manufacturers ing goods in this country at a power than that obtained at home lower than that obtained at home the subject of an inquiry introduced by Mr. Galligen. The resolution which was agreed to directs the setary of state to "procure through sular and other representatives ab all available information relating the practice of foreigners selling this country at a price lower than domestic prices set, and to commicate the information to the senat the earliest possible date."

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