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POWER SCHEME AT LONG SAULT

Minister Pugsley Lays on Table Plans for Submission of Which Opposition Fought All Night

ALSO GIVES REPORT DRAWN BY ENGINEERS

Government Majority Votes Down Motion to Strike Out Appropriation for Useless Newmarket Canal

OTTAWA, March 16.—Mr. Pugsley today laid on the table of the House the plans for the development of power at the Long Sault rapids, the refusal to produce which precipitated the all-night debate of Monday and Tuesday. In addition to the plans the following letters were laid by Mr. Pugsley from the engineers who have been looking into the scheme.

"Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13, 1910. Sir: We have the honor to report in regard to the amended petition of the St. Lawrence Power Co., Ltd., to His Excellency the Governor General in Council for permission to erect certain dams in the St. Lawrence river as follows: On December 15, 1908, we reported on the fact as contained in the application of the company at that time. The objections of the committee on the original plans have since been remedied by the amended proposition.

MAKING DID FOR CANADIAN TRADE

Germany Manufacturing Firms Enter on Energetic Campaign to Capture Large Share in Market Here

BERLIN, March 16.—The cessation of the tariff on German goods in the United States is one of the topics of the hour in commercial circles here. Great exporting firms are energetically seeking to capture the market here. The German government has been making a special study of the conditions of the Canadian market. Men familiar with the trade practices of the Dominion, especially with the rapidly developing communities in the middle and far west, are being engaged at fancy salaries and will be dispatched to the fields of operation equipped to conduct one of the most active business campaigns Germany has ever waged on foreign soil. They will be preceded by an avalanche of catalogues and other advertising matter printed in the English language and offering unprecedented inducements to Canadian buyers to establish branches of German trade expect a boom in Canadian orders. The management of an aniline dye syndicate, Germany's most important chemical trade, says tariff conditions justify the hope of a heavy increase in the sale of the syndicate's products in Canada.

CANADA STANDS PAT

Negotiations in Regard to U. S. Tariff Application Make No Headway

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The negotiations regarding the tariff of Canada remain unchanged. Up to this time, the Dominion officials have steadily declined to make any concessions whatsoever in favor of the United States. In justification of that position they point out that the American tariff is very much lighter than that of Canada, and for the United States to insist that it be entitled to the same rates as have been given France and other countries would be an unwarranted challenge of Canada's treaty-making rights.

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MASONIC EVENT

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VANCOUVER, March 16.—Yesterday, with appropriate ceremonies, the new Masonic Temple, at the corner of Georgia and Seymour streets, was dedicated. Grand Master, Harry N. Rich, of Ladner, performed the ceremony of dedication. The Grand Master was accompanied by his officers: R.W. Bro. E. B. Paul, Victoria, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Bro. F. J. Burdett, S.S.W. R.W. Bro. A. H. Sheehy, Kamloops; W. Bro. H. G. Penness-Kamloops, G.C.; R.W. Bro. J. J. Miller, D.P.G.M.; and other officers.

TALKS OF HUDSON'S BAY RAILWAY

LONDON, March 16.—William Mackenzie, president of the C. N. R., who is in London, expresses the opinion that the Hudson's Bay railway will be running in the next three years. It remains to be seen, however, whether the Dominion government or a company will build the railway from the Saskatchewan river to the bay.

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COLONIAL CO-OPERATION

Earl Crews Suggests that Dominions Take Part in Imperial Diplomatic Problems

LONDON, March 16.—Earl Crews, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking last night at a dinner given to Sir George Reid, high commissioner in London for Australia, suggested a division of the colonial secretaryship, the crown colonies and protectorate to be handed over to another secretary. He added that any arrangement for formal and continuous co-operation between the home government and these crown colonies in the form of imperial council would be difficult of achievement, but we could be much by inducing the Dominions to take part in imperial diplomatic problems, which concerned relations with the powers of the world.

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PRUSSIAN SUFFRAGE

Government's Bill is Passed in Diet Without Change—Socialists Talk Strike

BERLIN, March 16.—The Diet today passed without essential changes the government's Prussian suffrage bill. The vote was 235 to 138.

The majority for the measure was composed of the Conservative and Free Conservative parties, only two members of which refused to support it. The minority was made up of the National Liberals, Progressive People's party, Poles and Socialists.

MORE TARIFF TALK

President Taft Not Expected to Decide Regarding Canada for Another Week

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The French and Canadian tariffs were the subject of conference at the White House today. Ambassador Jusserand of France called to see the President and then consulted with Secretary of State Knox and members of the tariff board. It was said that nothing definite would be decided until the president's return from his western trip on March 23.

ALBERTA'S FIGHT

Government is Forced to Agree to Amendments Introduced by Insurgents

EDMONTON, March 16.—By an unanimous vote at 10 o'clock tonight the legislature agreed to the appointment of a royal commission, consisting of Justices Harvey, Beck and Scott, of the supreme court to investigate the Great Waterways deal. The vote was recorded after one of the most strenuous fights in the history of the province, and was only reached after the government had acceded to all of the insurgent demands. The original resolution called for an investigation, but the commission did not necessarily have to permit counsel for either side. This was, as Mr. Bennett said, a poll-tax of chloroforming the entire deal. An amendment was introduced by Mr. Boyle, but Mr. Cross absented himself to consider it. Mr. Purfar, a government supporter, then arose and by his actions indicated that he would vote with the insurgents. This would have meant defeat to the government, and Mr. Cross quickly sided up the situation and agreed to the amendment.

SMALL PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company and Striking Car-men Appear to Be as Far Apart as Ever

CONFERENCE HELD WITH NO RESULT

Main Point in Dispute Is Re-instatement of Strikers—Leader Mahon's Views of Strike Situation

PHILADELPHIA, March 15.—Another meeting was held today between Geo. H. Earle one of the city's representatives on the board of directors of the Rapid Transit Co., and the strike leaders in an endeavor to find some basis on which the strike might be settled.

After the meeting Mr. Earle said: "Nobody's position has been changed, nor is there a present prospect that it will be. The discussion, however, was carried on in the very best of spirit, and I think each side now fully appreciates the difficulty and the position of the other. The union wanted all of the men not only taken back, but given their former runs. Mr. Kruger stated as definitely as he could yesterday that that would involve a cost of \$100,000. Mr. Earle stated that the company would never agree to it."

LIQUOR TRANSPORTATION

Senate Passes Sir R. Scott's Bill to Strengthen Canada Temperance Act

OTTAWA, March 16.—In the senate today it was announced that Judge Groulx would attend the senate chamber tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of giving sanction as acting-governor-general to measures so far as they relate to liquor.

In resuming the debate on the bill to regulate the transportation of liquor, Sir Richard Scott replied to some of his critics. He stated that the people of Prince Edward Island had supported prohibition for twenty-five years, and now wanted their law strengthened by an act to prevent liquor being sent into the province. If the people of that province wanted prohibition and wanted this law they should have it. The Prince Edward Island law made general provisions for alcoholic liquors being allowed for sacramental, medical and industrial purposes, and for the individual, but not for the dealer. There was no use saying that the people of Prince Edward Island were not in favor of prohibition. The facts were too strong. The people were in favor of it and had practically abolished the liquor traffic in the province.

WILL PUSH WORK ON V. V. & E. ROAD

Contractors Prepare for Active Operations in Vicinity of Abbotsford—Superintendent Now on Ground

VANCOUVER, March 16.—Construction work on the V. V. & E. road at Abbotsford is about to be started. Alex. Kellett, of Spokane, superintendent of the firm of W. Stewart & Co., contractors, is in the city today conferring with J. H. Kenney, chief engineer of the H. line. Mr. Kellett left this afternoon for Abbotsford, where he will establish headquarters for the contractors. The firm intend to erect there a large warehouse for the storage of supplies. He will be accompanied by a number of sub-contractors, including Martin Welch, of Spokane, who is to tender for various sections of the work between Abbotsford and Hope, a distance of about fifty-one miles. The surveys have been located, and the surveys are now being revised by engineering parties.

SUB-CONTRACTS TO BE LET AT ONCE

Whole Section Between Abbotsford and Hope Likely to Be Under Construction Within Six Weeks

Mr. Kellett intimated that grading outfits are now en route to the scene of the point where the first work will be undertaken. It will prove of a heavy character, and it is proposed to use several steam shovels. The work at the later will see the construction camps established along the route, and the entire road between the section under contract to sub-contractors.

POCKET WIRELESS

German Professor Invents Remarkable Instrument in Electrical Line

BERLIN, March 16.—A wireless pocket telegraph apparatus was exhibited by the inventor, Prof. Reber, during a scientific lecture before an audience of persons engaged in the various branches of scientific investigation last evening. The instrument consisted of a wooden base with the letters of the alphabet thereon arranged in a circle. It was connected with a wireless dot and dash currents and both sides of the message. The apparatus is very simple. It is somewhat larger than the ordinary card case, but it is very portable. The French journalist had attributed to him the invention of a wireless pocket telegraph instrument some time ago. He wrote to the inventor denying the invention. However, his letter was not published, and accordingly the inventor remained firm in the way of vindication except to invent the apparatus described, which he proceeded to do.

VERY PARTICULAR

U. S. Immigration Man Halts British Officer on His Way to Chicago

WINNIPEG, March 16.—Lieut. B. B. Fryce-Jones of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers was pulled off the "800 train" last night because an immigration officer did not regard him as a suitable person to enter the United States. Lieut. Fryce-Jones was being applied for a holiday of some six weeks in Canada, principally in the Rockies, enjoying finished snowshoes and other sports and he proposed to visit some friends in Chicago which his ticket allowed him to do. He was informed that he had to go and be examined at the United States immigration office.

BOWLING RECORD

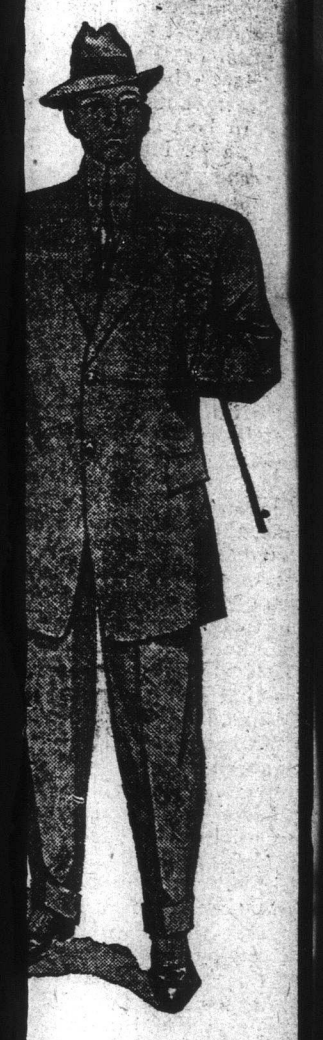
DETROIT, March 16.—Tom Haley of Detroit, was the sensation of the last day of the bowling tournament, when he rolled a 705 in the individual event, winning the event and setting a new tournament record. He also won the prize for the best total for nine games with 6215, which is another new American bowling congress record. Wm. Richter, of Chicago, finished second with 62 and Geo. Quisley was third with 63.

SMASHED RECORDS

NEW YORK, March 16.—All indoor records were broken by Gustaf Jungstrom, the Swede runner, from the 12th to the 20th and last mile in the professional race run the other night at the Madison Square Garden. His time for the 20 miles was 1:50:53 3-5, as against the previous record of 1:51:25 made by Jim Crowley of Ireland. Paul Acoese, the Canadian Indian, finished second, two laps back, and Jim Crowley third, with Percy Selton of Toronto fourth. There were eight starters.

MRS. H. CLARK LEFT LAST NIGHT ON VISIT TO HER FORMER HOME AT BRUCE, ONT.

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HEARD REPORT OF OTTAWA DELEGATION

The Inner Harbor Association Learns of Action of the Dominion Government Regarding Victoria Harbor

The Inner Harbor association met at the city hall yesterday afternoon to receive the report of Joshua Kingham, one of the members of the Board of Trade deputation to Ottawa with regard to the improvement of Victoria harbor. Incidentally he asked why Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P. for Victoria, had been ignored by the deputation sought to secure what they went for, and the only way to do this was through the deputation direct to the government through the minister from this province.

BARRY THE PRIDE OF THE BRITISHER

In reply to questions Mr. Kingham stated that the appropriation for the rock crushers was about \$120,000 and would include the purchase of crushers and money to keep them working night and day. The deputation had impressed upon Mr. Kingham the necessity of getting experts with the rock crushers, and the minister expressed his willingness to await the return of Hon. Mr. Templeman and to take him to the scene and convince him of the necessity of the matter of rules for the harbor deputation had not time to go into the details.

QUOTES POLITICIAN

Judge Lampan Applies Remark of Hon. C. E. Foster to Local County Court Case. Judge Lampan quoted an answer made by the Hon. C. E. Foster regarding his judgment yesterday in the case of White v. Maynard, a suit for a real estate commission. Judge Lampan gave White a commission for \$700, finding that while a man named Dean had commended the sale, the customer had been located by White, who, therefore, entitled to his commission.

LOST LIFE TRYING TO SAVE COMPANION

Body of J. J. Doran Found at Pachena Bay After Search of Over a Month—Story of the Disaster

The body of James J. Doran, whose unselfishness under circumstances the fatal to him, was found yesterday at Pachena Bay, after a futile search of over a month. It was discovered by H. S. Moody, one of a gang of workmen engaged in that vicinity, and the news was telegraphed to the city. Mr. Doran's body was found in a small boat, which was overturned, and the body was found in a small boat, which was overturned, and the body was found in a small boat, which was overturned.

ROGERS PASS VERDICT

REVELSTOCK, March 15.—Owing to the fact that the first jury disagreed, a second inquest on the bodies of the men killed in the Rogers Pass avalanche was held yesterday. A verdict of accidental death was brought in, with a rider recommending that the practice of working men in clearing away snow slides on stormy nights be discontinued.

Northern Indians May Starve

WINNIPEG, March 15.—Word received from Fort Resolution, Athabasca, under date of February 4th, state that there is great absence of food in the north and it is causing great distress amongst the Indians. The staple article of food, is absent. Fish is the only product available, but it is not too fresh, as it was caught last September for dogs' food for the winter months.

Given Up As Lost

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The United States naval tug Nina, which sailed away from Norfolk on Feb. 6 for Boston, was stricken from the navy list today. This constitutes an admission that the little vessel is lost with all on board. The government will pay the next of kin of the officers and crew, and the vessel is expected to be found in the next few months.

English Scouter Confidently Expected to Wrest Championship From Hands of Arnst in South Africa

NEW YORK, March 15.—Some years ago the English scouter club won the championship of the world in the Dominion of the Atlantic. More recently the English scouter club have fallen in disfavor and it is almost wholly the result of crookedness and dishonesty in professional water racing.

Barney Oldfield's Fast Mile

DAYTON, Fla., March 15.—Barney Oldfield, the 200 horse power Benz car, established a new world record this afternoon by going a mile in 27 and 3/4 seconds.

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Firemen of Western Railroads Consent to Mediation by Washington Officials—Asked for by Managers

MEN INSIST ON PROMPT PROCEEDINGS

General Managers Think Decision Means That Settlement Will Be Reached—The Points in Dispute

CHICAGO, March 15.—Danger of an immediate strike of 27,000 firemen on western railroads, and the contingent strike the coming week of more than 15,000 of other employees, was averted today through the acceptance of mediation by the federal authorities at Washington.

At the request of the general managers of the forty-seven western railroads involved, Chairman Martin A. Knapp, of the inter-state commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neil, telegraphed an offer of federal mediation to the union officers.

The mediators will come to Chicago, and according to Mr. Carter, will not arbitrate the questions in dispute, but will determine what shall be arbitrated. The questions include wages, which both sides had agreed to arbitrate, and two other technical points involving promotion and representation in the union.

USES STRONG TERMS

Dr. Mary Walker Severely Attacks Advocates of Woman Suffrage Bill at Albany

ALBANY, N. Y., March 15.—Dr. Mary Walker, in what she called a "constitutional argument" before the assembly judiciary committee today, made a violent attack on the women who are advocating the woman suffrage bill. The terms "krater" and "fool" figured in her remarks.

Lumber Cut to Increase

NEILSON, March 15.—W. A. Anstie, secretary of the Mountain Lumbermen's Association back from a tour of the East, anticipates an increase of fifty per cent. in the cut this year.

Nelson Jam Factory

NEILSON, March 15.—The Kootenay Jam Co. have just let contracts for doubling their present plant, and will shortly be able to turn out five tons daily. The undertaking is profitable in addition to the steadily growing fruit trade of the district.

Iron Works Consolidated

NEILSON, March 15.—The Rossland engineering works will be moved to Nelson on April 1 and amalgamated here with the Nelson iron works, known as the Consolidated Engineering Works of Nelson, Ltd. W. M. Griffin, of the Rossland company, joins B. A. Isaacs and B. W. Hinton, of the local company, and the works here will be considerably enlarged.

Eastern Fish Mergers

HALIFAX, March 15.—The option held by the recently formed Maritime Fish Corporation, of Montreal, on the Spruce and Shovel, at Digby, has been accepted by the National Securities, Ltd., the financial backers of the new fish merger. The option would expire tomorrow, but word

DRANK WOOD ALCOHOL

Theory Held in Connection With Death of Two Men Between Ladysmith and Chemainus

NANAIMO, March 15.—A curious occurrence, resulting in the death of two men is reported from Ladysmith today, according to information received here, two men, one of them being named W. Redman, were engaged in building boats in a shed between Ladysmith and Chemainus. It is conjectured that they got some wood alcohol to do some finishing work on boat and that they must have imbibed some of it. At any rate, Redman was reported dead last night and the second man died this morning. Coroner Davis left on this afternoon's train to make an investigation.

AN IMPECUNIOUS LOT

President Mellen of New Haven Road so Styles Grand Trunk in Quarter Discussion

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 15.—"An impecunious lot," was the way President Chas. S. Mellen of the New Haven railroad, characterized the Grand Trunk railroad in opposing the latter's effort to get a charter to enter Providence before the committee on corporations today.

The promoters of the Rhode Island road proposed to use a part of the New Haven road's track, a provision in the New Haven's charter making such an arrangement possible, and to this President Mellen particularly objected. President Mellen condemned any action towards giving to the new line permission to construct grade crossings.

GERMANS SCAN PAYNE TARIFF

Conservative Party Strongly Objects to Government's Arrangements—Chancellor's Status Is Reviewed

BERLIN, March 15.—Replying to an inquiry by Professor Richard Eydokoff, Radical-Liberal, in the Reichstag today, Foreign Secretary Von Schoener said that negotiations with the United States looking to a German-American arbitration treaty had no sense been broken off. "Our propositions relative to such an arbitration treaty have been presented to the Federal government at Washington, which as yet has not replied," said the secretary.

Helping Montreal Harbor

OTTAWA, March 15.—The government is to loan the Montreal harbor commissioners \$5,000,000, according to a notice of motion given by Mr. Fielding last night. This is to complete existing works in the harbor and to provide for additional facilities.

His Hidden Wealth

TORONTO, March 15.—In examining the effects of the late Jonathan Graham, an old man who lived retired at the residence of St. C. Sewell, on Shuter street, for the past two years, securities were found valued at between \$50,000 and \$60,000. A brother has been notified.

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Rev. Dr. Robson Ill

VANCOUVER, March 15.—Rev. Dr. Robson, the noted eloquent pastor of British Columbia, is lying seriously ill at his home, having on Sunday morning sustained a nearly fatal stroke which caused him to lose the use of one side and also rendered him practically speechless. Enquiries in the city and a small crowd of well-wishers are just possible that a senior team may make the trip at the same time.

ARE DISCIPLINED BY OPPOSITION

Ministers Obligated to Give Way on Matter of Passage of St. Lawrence Power Company's Bill

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Pays Fifty Cents on Dollar

LONDON, Ont., March 15.—The Southwestern Transportation Co., which went into liquidation on October 20, will pay 50 cents on the dollar to shareholders on claims and bonus that have been postponed. Claims to Master Cowen has so announced. Claims totaling \$77,289.55 have been filed.

Jack Johnson's Trial

NEW YORK, March 15.—March 23rd was set today as the date for the trial of Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, on a charge of assault in the second degree. Counsel for the negro conferred with District Attorney Whitman today and pointed out that in the ordinary run of business the case would not be reached until May. As this would interfere with the fighter's training, Judge Mulvey, of the Court of General Sessions, agreed to a postponement. Johnson is now in Milwaukee. He is accused of attacking a diminutive black in an uptown saloon.

Misfortune Trails Mary Winkelmann

Misses Stays and is Beached at Tanga Tabu in the Friendly Islands

PORT TOWNSEND, March 14.—Barkentine Mary Winkelmann, which sailed from here Monday, 13th, lumber laden from Mikilitea, arrived at Tanga Tabu, Friendly Islands, February 1. The Winkelmann attempted to sail out of this harbor but missed the stars and went ashore on the beach in front of this city, where she remained thirty-six hours before being hoisted off. Captain John Piltz, her master had his hand crushed in the cage of the donkey engine, and his vessel to sea. This incident did not end the ill fortune of the Winkelmann, according to a letter received from Capt. Piltz today.

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Advertisement for Campbell's Tailored Suits. Features the text 'Acme of Perfection in Tailored Suits' and 'We are frequently asked how it is our coats and costumes are so moderate in price in spite of the fact that they represent exclusive creations.' Includes illustrations of women in various styles of suits and coats.

Advertisement for Steele-Briggs Seed Co. Limited. Text: 'STEELE-BRIGGS SEEDS GIVE BEST RESULTS BECAUSE THEY'RE THE BEST'. Includes the company name and locations: Toronto, Hamilton, & Winnipeg.

Advertisement for California Canned Goods. Text: 'California Canned Goods We have just received another shipment of these delicious Canned Fruits'. Lists products like Peaches, Apricots, Pears, and Plums. Price: Per Large tin, 25c.

Advertisement for Corrig College and Ferry's Seeds. Corrig College: 'Select High-Class Boarding College for BOYS of 8 to 16 years.' Ferry's Seeds: 'To grow the finest flowers and plants...'

Vertical text on the left margin containing various notices, advertisements, and small news items, including mentions of 'KETS', 'Deaths', and 'Wulfsohn'.

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CANADIAN BANKS

There are thirty chartered banks in Canada, and their aggregate authorized capital, according to the last statement, is \$140,466,666. Of this, \$38,698,241 is subscribed, and \$97,936,709 is paid up. The banks with the largest authorized capitalization are in order: the Bank of Commerce, with \$15,000,000; the Bank of Montreal, with \$14,400,000; the Bank of Toronto and the Imperial Bank, with \$10,000,000 each. The largest paid-up capital is that of the Bank of Montreal, all its stock being paid up. Next comes the Bank of Commerce, with \$10,000,000 paid up. The Bank of Montreal has the largest reserve, the amount being \$12,000,000. The aggregate of all the reserves is \$78,449,573. The aggregate circulation of the banks is \$73,378,676, the Bank of Montreal leading with \$10,664,418. The highest dividend declared at the last declaration was by the Bank of New Brunswick, which paid 13 per cent. The banks held on deposit, subject to withdrawal without notice, \$238,428,786, and subject to the order of the depositor, \$59,934,344, or matters more than half the total assets. It will be observed that the cash and Dominion notes on hand far exceed the bank notes in circulation. The bank statement seems to an outsider to be exceedingly satisfactory and to disclose a state of things which justify the expectation that money will not be tight during the coming season. The figures must strike the general reader as enormous for a country of the population of Canada, the deposits being very large for a population of less than 8,000,000, especially when we remember that a very large sum is carried by the public in the government savings banks.

CHINA AWAKENING

There is a steady movement in China towards constitutional government. It is true that Chinese scholars say their country had this two or three thousand years ago and concluded to abandon it, but be this as it may, the people have apparently determined to experiment with it again. But this is only one of several things that show China to be awakening. The assertion of authority over Tibet is a step that indicates the presence of a new spirit in the Pekin government. The stand taken in regard to Manchurian railways also shows that China expects to be reckoned with hereafter in all matters relating to Eastern Asia. The statement is freely made that war with Russia is in contemplation, but we are unwilling to believe that the Yellow Kingdom will be the aggressor in that or any other case. Chinese policy seems to be one of passivity. She endeavors to carry out certain lines of policy, but has not the least intention of beginning a fight with any one by any question whatever. If some other power thinks it worth while to attack her, she will resist, and the attack has gone by when her resistance could be regarded as a negligible quantity. None of us can hope to realize what the effect upon the world will be when China gets thoroughly aroused to a sense of her own power. Not only does she possess a vast population, but her natural resources are beyond comparison.

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Rosebery will shortly announce his plan for the reform of the House of Lords. It is understood that he will propose that its numbers shall be greatly reduced; but he will adhere to the hereditary principle in so far as the majority of the membership is concerned. How this will meet the views of the Liberals, Laborites and Nationalists it is not easy to say. At first thought one would be disposed to think that the Laborites and Nationalists would not approve of any change short of a purely elective body, but this conclusion might be found to be hasty. The feature of the Rosebery proposals over which a clash will come will be the recognition of the hereditary principle. There may come a time when it will be wise to abandon this, but we hesitate about thinking it has already arrived. Expediency is the chief thing to be considered in determining a form of government, and we are very much inclined to doubt if it is expedient at the present time to establish in the United Kingdom a second chamber with a membership that will be elective wholly.

Nevertheless there is a feature about a second chamber founded on the hereditary principle which deserves some consideration. As a rule the British peerage is a very worthy institution so far as its membership goes, and a very large proportion of

that membership takes exceedingly little interest in public matters. Peers have no votes, and of course they are ineligible to seats in the House of Commons. The lack of votes may not be a very material matter; but we are not by any means sure that good would not result if Peers could be elected to the Commons. Except on rare occasions the real governing of the Kingdom is done by the Commons, and it would be a distinct advantage to that body if it were open to every British subject. The question has not sufficiently developed to enable any one to speak with confidence as to the value of any of the proposed changes; but it is one of great interest and importance, not only to the United Kingdom, but to the whole Empire.

WANTED, A BUDGET

A strong agitation in favor of a Budget is springing up in the United States. Perhaps it may be well to explain what is meant by this. At present in the United States no person is charged with the duty of presenting to Congress an estimate of the probable income for the year or suggesting what expenditures ought to be provided for. The receipts are roughly calculated, but the expenditure is not framed to correspond with them. The Cabinet says what it needs. The President makes recommendations; the House of Representatives adds to or subtracts from these demands, and last of all the Senate has its say. The result is that no one in particular is responsible for anything, and of late years the outgo has ranged considerably above the income. Lately the Secretary of the Treasury has been charged with the duty of making up some sort of a preliminary estimate of what must be voted, but no one feels bound by it. They have a process in the United States Congress that used to be called log-rolling. If one appropriation cannot go through of itself, two or three or more may be got through together, and thus the Treasury is at the mercy of combinations of members. Necessity is felt for a change, and the idea that some responsible person shall be charged with the preparation of a Budget is gaining ground rapidly. The weakness of the Budget system, when applied to the United States, is that there is nothing in that country corresponding to our rule that money votes must be proposed by the Crown, and there is nothing resembling our system of responsible government. If Congress saw fit to ignore the Budget nothing could be done about it. There is no provision in the Constitution providing for the resignation of a Cabinet, or for an appeal to the people except at stated times. The United States Constitution was drawn up by men who did not understand parliamentary government as we have it today, and for the very good reason that such a form of government had only then recently come into existence in Great Britain, and its working was very imperfectly understood by any one. Nevertheless we think the adoption of the Budget system would serve a useful purpose in the United States. It would serve as a guide to the two Houses of Congress, if for nothing else.

If any unusual atmospheric disturbances are reported during the next few weeks, do not jump to the conclusion that Halley's comet is to blame. It may be one Theodore Roosevelt coming home. Commander Peary declines to submit his proofs of the discovery of the North Pole to the United States Geographical Society. This seems a funny sort of business. Can it be that the Pole has not been discovered after all? A New York despatch says that Mr. Rockefeller proposes to give \$250,000 to establish the "Foundation" and it is said that he will then have \$500,000,000 left. These figures may or may not be correct, and the chances are they are not. It is to be hoped that the civic authorities will be as careful as possible about cutting down the old oak trees. In some cases it is doubtless necessary to remove these ancient landmarks, but the rule ought to be "Woodman, spare that tree."

And now the pessimists are telling us that Great Britain has been making a mistake in building Dreadnoughts, and that while she has been congratulating herself that she had some pretty good fighting ships, she is really hopelessly out-classed. It really seems as if political partisanship were

depriving people not only of all patriotism, but even of ordinary common sense. That erstwhile creator of lively news, George D. Collins, has got into the limelight once more, and this time through a petition for pardon which the Governor of California refused to grant. The Governor says that it is a serious thing to marry a woman and have children by her and then swear that no marriage ever took place. San Francisco will be mildly astonished at this definition of propriety. It was supposed at one time that anything went in that part of the world.

A correspondent asks for the popular vote in the United Kingdom at the last election. We are under the impression that the figures have already been given in the Colonist, but they may be repeated. In England the Liberal-Laborite coalition had a majority of 128,000; in Wales, 109,000; in Scotland, 128,000. In Ireland, the Nationalists had a majority of 200,000. Thus, the Unionists were in a minority in the whole United Kingdom of 488,000. The Liberal-Laborite coalition had a popular majority of 86,000 over the Unionists and Nationalists.

The Nicola Valley News is very confident of the future which lies before that part of the province. It says that the splendid transportation facilities that will be provided will give the district a great stimulus. Its sources of property are its minerals, its cattle ranges and its agricultural lands. It anticipates the early construction by the Canadian Northern of a line down from Kamloops and it says that when that road has been built the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co. will install a thousand coke furnaces.

Commenting upon the visit of the United States Tariff Commissioners to Ottawa, the New York Herald's correspondent in that city thinks that great good will come of it even if their report does not enable the President to see his way clear to apply the provision of the minimum schedule to the Dominion. The commissioners hoped for some concessions in regard to the export of pulp wood, and were somewhat surprised to be told that this was a matter wholly within the jurisdiction of the several provincial governments, which "own the crown lands."

In view of the publication throughout the United Kingdom that the openings for teachers in British Columbia are many and promising, Mr. Turner, Agent-General, has taken the wise step of advising all persons who contemplate coming to this province to engage in teaching, to communicate with the Department of Education before coming out. This is very desirable to avoid possible disappointments, not because there are no opportunities for employment, but because intending teachers may not possess the necessary requirements. Senator Thomas C. Platt, of New York, died on the 6th inst. Of late years he has not been very prominent in political life, but at one time he was almost the most powerful public man in the United States. As "Boss" Platt, his doings were watched with that feverish interest displayed by the people of that country in the transactions of his most prominent citizens. He was seventy-seven years of age and a hard worker up to the last, although for some time his physical strength has been failing. For forty years he has been before the public and although there are some phases of his public and private career into which it might not be desirable to let the light fall too freely, he was a man of great mental strength, courage and resourcefulness. The Montreal Gazette is mistaken in supposing that the reason why the contract between the Provincial Government and the Canadian Northern provides that rates shall not be under the supervision of the Railway Commission, is that "the Commission is not regarded as an unmitigated blessing." The reason for the provision just mentioned had nothing whatever to do with the efficiency or value of the Railway Commission. The Provincial Government is assisting the company with a liberal guarantee, and one of the conditions of that guarantee was that control of rates should go with it. It is obvious that the Government could not control the rates if they were left in the hands of the Railway Commission, so there was no other course open than for the Government to retain the control in their own hands.

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COMPETITION FOR MODEL DAIRIES

Handsome Cup Donated by the Provincial Government for Competition Amongst Farmers of B. C.

The handsome silver cup, possibly the largest and most ornate trophy of the kind that has ever been given in Western Canada, which the provincial government has presented to the Provincial Dairyman's association as the prize in the dairy farm competition just inaugurated, has reached Livestock Commissioner Hodson from the manufacturer, and is exciting the admiration, and possibly the covetousness, of all who have seen it or hope some day to own it. The trophy is about three feet in height, by perhaps eighteen in diameter, and is a handsome oak case. Simplicity and graceful lines are its chief characteristics from a sculptor's viewpoint; while the solidly executed immediate comment.

The competition is to be conducted under the provisions of the regulations and victory and the ownership of the trophy will rest with the farm most closely complying with the provincial regulations. Judging will be upon the general health of herds; the sanitary conditions, ventilation, etc., of dairy premises; the most efficient methods of handling the dairy product while on the farm. The competition is now inaugurated, and judging will take place three times in each year—in the early spring, at midsummer and in November. The cup must be three times won to become the personal property of the fortunate dairyman entitled ultimately to its possession. Needless, perhaps, to say, there is a very large entry list, and the judges are promised a task of no small magnitude. Commissioner Hodson has been associated with him in the spring judging, upon which starts out on Monday, Mr. W. E. Buckingham, president of the B.C. Dairyman's association; together they will visit Comox Vancouver Esquimalt and Steveston during the ensuing week. Their future itinerary is not yet being arranged. The associate judge for midsummer is to be Mr. Bishop, of Bishop and Clarke, Victoria; while in November, Mr. McKay, of Esquimalt, will act. Mr. E. T. Judd, the famous Oregon expert in all dairying matters, has been secured by the department of agriculture for a series of lectures upon his speciality, to be delivered through British Columbia, the tour opening at the Island on the 23rd, and continuing during the ensuing two months. During a portion of the tour, Professor Judd will be accompanied by a body tutor, to whom will be left the explanation of the scope and practical usefulness of the various subjects. Mr. E. T. Judd, who is regarded as among the foremost experts of the world, the American department of agriculture at Washington so grading her.

WANTS DESERTED WIFE TO REJOIN HIM

Man Who Misappropriated Provincial Police Fund Eight Years Ago Turns Up in Northwest.

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COMPETITION FOR MODEL DAIRIES

Handsone Cup Donated by the Provincial Government for Competition Amongst Farmers of B. C.

The handsome silver cup, possibly the largest and most ornate trophy of the kind that has ever been given in Western Canada, which the provincial government has presented to the Provincial Dairyman's association as the prize in the dairy farm competition just inaugurated, has reached Live-stock Commissioner Hodson from the manufacturers, and is exciting the admiration, and possibly the covetousness, of all who have seen it and hope some day to own it. The trophy is about three feet in height, by perhaps eighteen in diameter, standing upon a handsome oaken base. Simply and gracefully lined are its chief characteristics from a silversmith's viewpoint; while its solidity excites immediate comment.

The competition is to be conducted under the provincial dairy regulations, and victory and the ownership of the trophy will rest with the farm most closely complying with the provincial regulations. Judging will be upon the general health of herds; the sanitary conditions, ventilation, etc., of dairy premises; and the most efficient methods of handling the dairy product while on the farm. The competition is now inaugurated, and judging will take place three times in each year—in the early spring, at midsummer and in November.

The cup must be three times won to become the personal property of the fortunate dairyman entitled ultimately to its possession. Needless to say, there is a very large entry list, and the judges are promised a task of no small magnitude. The chairman, Hodson will have associated with him in the spring judging, upon which he starts out on Monday, Mr. W. E. Buckingham, president of the Bournes Dairyman's association; together they will visit Comox, Vancouver, Eboune and Stevenson during the ensuing week. Their future itinerary is not yet being arranged. The associate judge for mid-summer is to be Mr. Bishop, of Bishop and Clarke, Victoria; while in November, Mr. McKay, of Eboune, will act.

Mr. E. T. Judd, the famous Oregon expert in all dairy matters, has been secured by the department of agriculture for a series of lectures upon his speciality, to be delivered through British Columbia, the tour opening at The Islands on the 28th instant and continuing during the ensuing two months. During a portion, at least, of the tour, Professor Judd will be accompanied by a lady lecturer, to whom will be left the explanation of the various practical usefulness of women's institutes. It is expected that the department will be so fortunate as to secure for its instructor Miss Bessie Livingston, of Vancouver, who is regarded as among the foremost experts of the world, the American department of agriculture at Washington so grading her.

WANTS DESERTED WIFE TO REJOIN HIM

Man Who Missed Provincial Police Funds Eight Years Ago Turns Up in Northwest

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Inquiries were forthwith instituted as to his whereabouts, and after many months it was discovered that he had gone to South Africa, and thence it was reported, to Australia. Nothing was directly heard from or of the delinquent, and in course of time, Atkins has been virtually forgotten.

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When the case was continued yesterday morning the facts were turned out to be quite different from the story first told. Jim's counsel called the manager of the store, who explained that the alleged floorwalker who laid the charge had been discharged from the store's employ several days ago, because he was a heavy drinker, and that in having Jim pinched, he was acting on his own responsibility.

time of Jim's arrest the court discharged Jim, and commented that there was strong suspicion that the floor walker had tried to make a grand stand play in the hope of reinstatement.

King Edward Indisposed.

BIARRITZ, France, March 14.—King Edward was confined in his apartment today with a slight cold. It is expected, however, that he will be able to resume his walks tomorrow.

SEVEN MINERS DEAD

Explosion of Gas in Wilkesbarre Mine Entombs Men—Fall Victims to Fire Damp.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 14.—Seven men were entombed tonight in the No. 5 shaft of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal company near here as the result of a terrific explosion of gas. The men were caught behind a heavy wall of rock and a wall of fire. The explosion occurred after 9 o'clock in the No. 12 plane, where a gang of men were putting together a hoisting engine. The mine was idle all week, and the men were taking this opportunity to put the engine together. It is believed the men struck an unknown accumulation of gas with their naked lamps.

The explosion was an exceedingly heavy one and the fall of rock extended for some distance along the plane. A fire-fighting force was organized, and soon a thousand feet of hose was sent down into the mine. There was a good supply of water but the fire-fighters were handicapped by fire damp, which gathered in the mine. The mine is one of the most gaseous in the region and the rescuers proceeded with the utmost caution.

The rescuers came across the entombed men shortly after midnight. There were seven in the party. All were suffocated by fire damp.

MAY REQUIRES HEAVY OUTLAY

Mr. McKenna Says There is No Hope of Immediate Reduction—Twenty-Seven Dreadnoughts by 1913

LONDON, March 14.—Introducing naval estimates in the house of commons today, Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, expressed regret that he was unable to hold out any hope for the future of a decline in the estimates. He defended the present large increase, which he said had been rendered necessary by the building programmes of foreign nations. An expenditure of over \$200,000,000 was imperative to the proper safeguarding of the safety of the country, and to provide against contingencies. Mr. McKenna explained that, counting the Australian and New Zealand ships, Great Britain would have in the summer of 1912 twenty-two Dreadnoughts, while in the following January five Dreadnoughts in addition to this year's programme would be added to the fleet through this type of ship would be absolutely assured.

COL. ROOSEVELT

Distinguished Hunter Arrives at Khartoum and Meets Wife and Daughter

KHARTOUM, March 14.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt and his party arrived here at 8 o'clock this afternoon. The former president of the United States was given a flattering reception.

The staff of the Sirdar, Major-General Sir Francis Wingate, had proceeded up the river in a launch to meet the steamer Dal, upon which the Roosevelt party made the trip from Gondokoro, and extended the first formal greetings. The officials were taken on board the steamer and escorted their guests into town.

Col. Roosevelt was at once escorted to the palace of the Sirdar, at the steps of which he was received by all the highest officials. Within the palace he received the higher officials of the government, after which tea was served.

JURY DISAGREES

Coroner's Inquest on Rogers Pass Disaster Results in No Verdict Being Returned.

REVELSTOKE, March 14.—The coroner's inquest on the Rogers Pass disaster was resumed at two o'clock yesterday, the C. P. R. being represented by C. S. McCarter and the Japanese by C. E. Gillan, the relatives of the white victims being unrepresented.

The impossibility of the jury arriving at an unanimous decision after one and one-half hours' consultation, resulted in their dismissal. The members were evenly divided, three for a finding of unavoidable accident, with a recommendation to institute precautions in future, and three for a verdict of negligence.

A further investigation will be held. Mr. Rockefeller's Dividend.

NEW YORK, March 14.—On the first mail train tomorrow morning John D. Rockefeller will receive a check for \$4,500,000 as his share of the \$15,000,000 quarterly dividend declared by the Standard Oil Co. Checks for the entire dividend, which is for the first quarter of the current year, will be mailed tonight by the company.

TO CANCEL RICH TIMBER LICENCES

Export of Logs by the Emerson Lumber Company Leads to Action on Part of Government

After extended and careful consideration of the case of J. S. Emerson and the Emerson Lumber Co., of Vancouver, charged with violations of the Timber Manufacture Act of British Columbia, it is understood that recommendation has been made to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor by the Executive Council, of the cancellation of the licenses from which the exported timber was cut, these licenses being four in number and of property worth to the licensee, in the opinion of timbermen, from \$100,000 to \$150,000. These licenses, it will be remembered, failed to attend when the matter of their violation of the law was first up for investigation before the Provincial Executive, afterwards unable to offset the direct and convincing testimony as to their export of a boom of logs and its sale in Bellingham, while actually bearing large quantities. The mine is one of the most gaseous in the region and the rescuers proceeded with the utmost caution.

FARMER DROWNED

H. M. Little, Resident of Nanoose District, Meets Death in Waters of Bay.

NANAIMO, Mar. 14.—H. M. Little, a farmer, was the victim of a drowning accident at Nanoose Bay yesterday. From particulars available it appears that Little had occasion to make use of his horse and express in doing some work close to the beach which borders on his farm, and while going about his work either drove his rig into the bay or else the horse ran away and plunged into the water carrying its driver with it. There was no witness to the tragedy, but on a search being made both driver and horse were found drowned close to shore.

Deceased was a recent arrival here, and had taken up a farm located about a mile from the Arlington Hotel. He was about 40 years of age and a native of Great Britain. He is survived by a wife, to whom he has been married but six months. Coroner Davis and the provincial constable went out to the scene of the tragedy this morning to investigate the circumstances connected with the accident.

ELLA'S CARGO WAS DAMAGED BY SEAS

Jensen Liner Encountered Rough Weather on the Way South From This Port—Baggage Damaged

The steamer Ella southbound to Corinto by way of Californian, Mexican and Central American ports, had a rough passage, being flooded by heavy seas which swept on board the way to San Diego. A passenger writing from San Diego to a Victoria friend said: "We had a most stormy trip. Heavy seas broke over the vessel, flooding her and part of the cargo of wheat was ruined. Some of the passengers had their baggage badly damaged by water."

C. P. R. Summer Service.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—A conference of Canadian Pacific officials to arrange the summer train service is to be held at Winnipeg on Wednesday of this week. Messrs. Bury and Busted left yesterday. There will be a double daily transcontinental service.

Sheep on Forest Reserves.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—By an equally divided court the supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decision of the federal court of California, which held the grazing of sheep on forest reserves without permission is not a violation of law.

Suvenir Touched Bottom.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—Diver Moore, on Saturday afternoon made an inspection of the Weir steamer Suvenir at the C. P. R. dock. The Suvenir took a big cargo and at extreme low tide touched the ground off No. 1 wharf. Diver Moore was requisitioned to see if any damage resulted, and was able to give the vessel a clean bill.

Burial of John Houston.

NELSON, March 14.—The body of John Houston reached this city last evening from the far north, and arrangements were completed this evening for a semi-public funeral tomorrow at 2:30 under the auspices of the Eagles society. All stores will be closed from 2 to 4 p. m., and today many flags are flying at half mast out of respect for Nelson's first mayor, who filled the civic chair four times.

G. T. P. Report Denied.

VANCOUVER, March 14.—In view of the circulation of erroneous reports by interested parties, G. A. McNicholl, purchasing agent of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, today authorized the statement that his company has not purchased directly or indirectly any land in the city of Vancouver or in this city for railway purposes. Mr. McNicholl went further. He added that the company is not negotiating for any property in these two cities.

Japanese Loan Redemption

NEW YORK, March 14.—According to advice received today from Yokohama the Japanese government has announced the redemption of the entire balance of the navy loan, amounting to approximately \$4,000,000, and a portion of the consolidated loan bonds to the amount of \$21,500,000. The drawing of these items, as stated, will take place April 11, and redemption will be made on and after April 30. Both were internal issues.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Mar. 14.—Freshet waters rushed down a ravine in Bear River canyon today and drowned 2,000 sheep. The entire herd was overwhelmed within a few minutes.

Young's Spring Display of PARISIAN MODEL HATS AND COSTUMES COMMENCES TODAY

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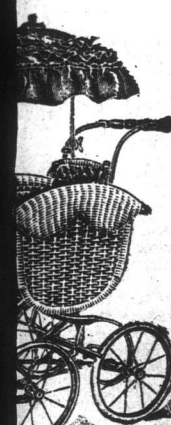


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PROVINCIAL HAPPENINGS

Twenty below zero was last week recorded at Greenwood. There is much counterfeit coin in circulation in the Boundary country. Chilliwack is agitating for a free public library. Nelson has decided that there must be an unobstructed view of all bar rooms during Sundays.

The wedding took place at Wellington Monday for Mr. George Meredith and Miss... The Eastern Townships Bank is opening a branch at Princeton. The Portland Canal district is to have a Chamber of Mines.

Washington Officials Make Statement That Canadian Duties Are Higher Than Those of United States. WASHINGTON, March 14.—At the end of a four-hour conference with his...

House of Lords Reform Scheme. Lord Rosebery Introduces His Resolution Declaring for Changes in Upper Chamber. Premier Asquith Announces That Budget Will Be Re-introduced and Disposed of Before Spring Recess.

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Wreckers Reach Stranded Yucatan. Change of Wind Shifts Floating Ice and Allows Salvage Steamer to Reach Santa Cruz Near Wreck. The recent change of winds in Alaska has permitted the steamer Santa Cruz from this port to reach the side of the wrecked steamer...

C. N. R. Surveys Make Progress. Route Practically Located From Edmonton to Coast—Contracts May Soon Be Let on Western Section. VANCOUVER, March 14.—Working west from Jasper House, Ernest Hughes, an engineer in charge of Canadian Northern railway survey party...

Mining News. Old Age Pensions for Miners. A few words of the Workmen's Pensions Bill, now before the Senate, may not be inopportune. The House of Commons has passed a bill for the relief of the mining industry...

Mr. Fielding to Ask for \$25,000,000—Warm Debate on Company Bills Granting Water Power Privileges. OTTAWA, March 14.—Mr. Fielding today asked for \$25,000,000 for a survey of the Mackinac River for a dam and power plant...

HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM SCHEME

Asquith Introduces His Motion Declaring for Reform in Upper Chamber, and Crowds Listen

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SURVEYS MAKE PROGRESS

Practically Located From Port to Coast—Construction May Soon Be Let on in Section

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GOVERNMENT'S SELECTING SITES

First Three Experimental Orchards to Be Established at Vernon, Summerland and Kelowna Respectively

The first three demonstration orchards to be established by the provincial government will be located at Vernon, Summerland and Kelowna in the Okanagan district.

Mr. W. B. Garret, of this city, J. Montgomery, of Texas, and F. Eade, of Vancouver. In connection with these farms it is proposed to allot some ten acres to each. Special attention will be paid to the soil. A record of all expenses and profits will be kept that the possibilities of the industry may be accurately gauged.

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The Yucatan has been abandoned to the waves. The wreckers have been unable to reach the vessel.

ROMANTIC HISTORY OF OLD BARK

In connection with the reports from Bath that the old bark Sea King, which has sailed the seas since 1877 is to be dismantled and converted into a barge mariners who know the history of the old vessel state that when she was built it was generally believed that she would never reach salt water.

She was built at Bowdoinham, Me., in 1877, at the end of the village street in the Cathance river, which is little wider than a creek, although deep and strong of current.

The wedding of Miss Gladys Sweetman, daughter of the late Archbishop Petherington, was celebrated at the residence of the Rev. J. B. Hope, on Monday, March 14, at the Church of the Messiah, Toronto.

PURCHASE LARGE TIMBER TRACT

Seattle Men Take Over 47 Square Miles in Quatsino Sound District at Cost of \$175,000

One of the largest deals in Island timber land put through for some time past was closed yesterday, when forty-seven square miles of timber, fronting on and running back from Winter Harbor, Quatsino Sound, were purchased by J. N. Britten and S. Sizer, of Seattle, for an amount approximating \$175,000.

Mr. Britten and Sizer hold the tract for a number of years. The tract is situated on the west side of the island, and is bounded by the water of Winter Harbor to the north, by the water of Quatsino Sound to the south, and by the water of the Quatsino River to the east.

CABINET'S PLAN OF LORDS REFORM

LONDON, March 15.—The House of Lords today debated the resolutions presented by Lord Rosebery for the reform of the second chamber, but it is not likely that a division will be reached until late tonight, or possibly Thursday.

According to the Chronicle, Liberal organ of the government, the plan for the reform of the House of Lords upon which the government will appeal to the country, if defeated, provides for the constitution of a second chamber of from 200 to 240 members elected for a term of seven or nine years.

The plan further provides that the chamber shall have no power in finance, but a revisionary and delaying power in legislation, and that the differences between the two houses shall be adjusted by joint sittings.

BLUEJACKETS DRIFTING ON LOG TO SEA

Three Wise Men of Gotham went to sea in a bowl. If the bowl had stronger been then my tale would have long been.

Two of the new draft for H. M. S. Algerine, although they did not put out from Esquimaux in a bowl essayed a voyage on a log day or two ago.

The Starlight took the rescued duo to Esquimaux harbor, and when off the mouth a sailor was met in a punt seaward bound. He was the rescue party starting out to seek those who started to put out to sea on a log.

BRITISH FREIGHTERS GET COAL CHARTERS

Eastern advices report four new steamer charters of interest to Pacific marine circles, three for coal from the Atlantic range to Manila, fixed by the government and one from Norfolk to Guayaquil.

The British steamer Bilbater, 279 net tons, has been taken for charter to Manila from Norfolk to Manila at \$2.65; the British steamer Satsuma, at the same rate, for charter to Manila from Norfolk to Manila, March-April loading, and the German steamer Albeno, 279 net tons, for charter to Manila, March-April loading.

The British steamer Owestry, Capt. Watley, which recently loaded at Tacoma, has been fixed for a voyage from Norfolk to Guayaquil, and it is not unlikely that she will again come to the Sound. The Owestry is a 2,000-ton steamer, and is owned by the West Coast under charter to W. R. Crockett & Co., who will again be taken for the same trade.

FORSAKE TRAPS FOR RAILWAY WORK

Fur Trade Suffers by the Changed Circumstances of the Indians—Fur Pack Here to Be Small

Fur buyers who still make British Columbia their headquarters—the Hudson's Bay company, J. Rosenberger, Joseph Rosovvitz and a few others—are now agreed that the present year's collections in this territory will fall far short of the average, and the explanation is not that there is any diminution in the supply of fur-bearing animals, but simply that a very large proportion of the Indians of the northern districts have forsaken their hunting and their trap lines in order to take employment under the construction contractors engaged in building the Grand Trunk Pacific from Prince Rupert easterly along the upper waters of the Skeena and through northernmost British Columbia.

These contractors are using all the Indian labor they can get, and the natives find \$2.50 a day, with 70 cents deducted for all the food they can eat, too great an attraction to be out for the simple life of their forefathers. Many of the white prospectors have even put out lines of traps, but their inexperience and ignorance of the country and the habits of its game deer them from making up the shortage occasioned by the cessation of their trapping by the natives.

From the Yukon and the Arctic the news is also of short receipts, a variety of explanations being offered, the principal of which is that the majority of the Indians have shifted their hunting grounds towards the east. These same causes which reduce the volume of the Yukon and northernmost British Columbia fur pack should make the Winnipeg collection this year unusually heavy, as the tribes that have gone into the lower Mackenzie basin are all selling through the traders who ship to the Manitoba distribution points. These traders report furs exceedingly plentiful and of exceptional quality; the prices obtaining are higher than they have ever before, and competition among the buyers is keen. One shipment up the great central winter trail of the Canada requires eleven dog teams, which eventually require the collection at Gimli, Man., consisting of fisher, fox, ermine and rat, valued in all at \$19,000. The fur trade in the north are very scarce this season, and deer and fur-bearers are in consequence plentiful.

As showing the rapidity and general character of the rise in prices the following comparative average quotations at Port St. John, in the Peace River District of British Columbia, five years ago and now are interesting:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Items include Rat, Fox, Mink, Lynx, Wolf, Weasel, Badger. Prices range from .40 to 1.90.

From Port George in the Northern Cariboo district collection headquarters for the upper reaches of the Fraser and its tributaries, the report is received that the raw fur trade has thus far this year proved disappointing, not half the pelts offering that the dealers expected. At March last last year A. G. Hamilton alone had made shipments from Port George aggregating in value \$11,000. This year his first shipment amounted to only three bales, worth not over \$1,000. The bulk of the furs went by express to St. Louis, Mo. Last autumn the Indians of Upper Cariboo did not make any of their usual preparations for hunting or trapping owing to the uncertainty of the opening time for the beaver. Now that the beaver-killing season is open, the Indian hunters are out, and it is expected that the work will be fairly good by spring. However, the white buyers at Port George do not get even a bid on the best furs. An Indian trader in the village gets the first chance at all the furs of the Indians; what he does not want are taken to the white traders in Vancouver, pay more than the furs are worth. But, as the Indian trader carries a very small stock of merchandise, the white merchants get even when the Indians spend their money for supplies. Besides the three firms at Port George there are a number of buyers at Giscome Portage, 41 miles east of the Fraser river.

The Starlight took the rescued duo to Esquimaux harbor, and when off the mouth a sailor was met in a punt seaward bound. He was the rescue party starting out to seek those who started to put out to sea on a log.

ELISA LIHN COMES FROM ANTAFAGASTA

Sails Were Not Made Fast at Any Time During Passage of 58 Days from Peru.

The Chilean ship Elisa Lihn, once known as the British bark Australia, she is back in Royal Roads after most uneventful passage from Antafagasta, for 58 days the sails were not made fast, or the royals taken in. The Elisa Lihn is in charge of Captain Paul again. He has not been here for two years. The British steamer Owestry, Capt. Watley, which recently loaded at Tacoma, has been fixed for a voyage from Norfolk to Guayaquil, and it is not unlikely that she will again come to the Sound. The Owestry is a 2,000-ton steamer, and is owned by the West Coast under charter to W. R. Crockett & Co., who will again be taken for the same trade.

The Lincolnshire Handicap Race. The first big horse race of the year in Great Britain, was held yesterday. The result follows: 1st. Cinderella, 2nd. Ford, 3rd. Norman III.

REALTY MARKET NEVER FIRMER

Large Amount of Residential Property Changing Hands—Investments in Saanich Peninsula

The bulk of the residential property now being put through in the city is being taken up by Easterners who are from the Northwest. With the fine weather the number of investors has increased in the city, and the agents have entertained a large amount of inquiry during the past few days. Although the supply of fur-bearing animals, but simply that a very large proportion of the Indians of the northern districts have forsaken their hunting and their trap lines in order to take employment under the construction contractors engaged in building the Grand Trunk Pacific from Prince Rupert easterly along the upper waters of the Skeena and through northernmost British Columbia.

The demand in the Saanich Peninsula continues to be the feature of outside buying, the better being current that an announcement will be made within a short time of the route which the B. C. Electric railway will take in building its first suburban line on the island. Rumors of Canadian Northern plans on the peninsula are also current. The purchase of acreage in the north end may also be traced to the belief, held in some quarters, that rich coal seams run across the entire extremity of the peninsula.

An offer of \$55,000 has just been received for the St. Francis Hotel. This property would suit a syndicate of Chinese for \$49,000. The price now asked for it is \$55,000. The purchase of acreage in the Saanich peninsula, have just changed hands. Another deal of interest in the Saanich district, the sale of fifty acres in South Saanich, the purchaser being a local man.

Four Bay Property. McPherson and Ferguson report the following sales: A house and two lots, numbers 18 and 19, on Beechwood avenue, to C. H. Gibbons, for \$4,000; lot 17 in the same block, to E. T. Skrimshire, lot 28, block 5, on Beechwood avenue, to W. Regan, for \$500; lot 27, comprising half an acre on Foul Bay road, to R. G. Dundas, for \$1,000; lot 13, comprising one-quarter of an acre on Nelson road, to Mrs. M. H. Harnden, for \$1,000; lot 10 in Hollywood park, to A. Gustaf, for \$1,000; two lots at the corner of Trutch and Columbia streets, to E. W. Keeling, for \$500; half an acre of land at the corner of Foul Bay and Fairview streets, to J. Russell, for \$2,000; for \$2,000, the new owner intending to erect a residence; and a house and two lots at the corner of Kingsway and Columbia streets, to W. S. Williams, who is buying on behalf of S. Miles.

Currie and Power report the sale of a house and lot on Dunsmuir street, a lot in Esquimaux village, half an acre and a house on Douglas street, a house on Richards street, and a lot on Banks street, to an Eastern investor.

Among the latest deals negotiated by Swiford and Muirgrave were six acres on Hollyburn road, a lot on Burnside road, and a piece of acreage in the Toimie estate.

Max Leiser has purchased eighteen lots on the corner of Dunsmuir street and Fort street. The property comprises part of the estate of the late Dr. Morrison, and will be subdivided and again placed on the market.

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WILL NOT ACCEPT POSITION HERE

R. E. Speakman, Newly Appointed City Engineer, Decides to Stay in Present Position at Brandon, Man.

After all the deliberations consequent upon the appointment of a city engineer, and the trouble in arriving at a final decision to engage R. E. Speakman, C.E., of Brandon, that gentleman has wired Mayor Morley that he would not accept the position offered him.

Yesterday His Worship received a wire from Mr. Speakman briefly stating that he would not accept the position and stating that he was writing to explain his reasons for so doing. Last week Mr. Speakman wired Mayor Morley that he would let the latter know when he would arrive here as soon as the Brandon council held a meeting. That meeting was held on Monday, when the Wheat City council decided to raise the salary of \$2,200 paid Mr. Speakman to \$3,500, the figure offered by Victoria, and so the figure offered by Brandon, which has evidently accepted the offer of the Brandon council and will remain in the front rank.

Now the council will be forced to again go over the numerous applications and choose a man for the position. The matter will come up for consideration at tonight's special meeting of the city council and a decision will probably be arrived at. Of the thirty-eight applicants for the position there are several who are coming from the recommendations accompanying the applications, are eminently fitted to occupy the position here.

In view of the fact that the start on the work of repairing the Smith's Hill reservoir was to have commenced on Monday, when the Wheat City council decided to raise the salary of \$2,200 paid Mr. Speakman to \$3,500, the figure offered by Victoria, and so the figure offered by Brandon, which has evidently accepted the offer of the Brandon council and will remain in the front rank.

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ODD SHOTS

(By Richard L. Pocock)

Slaughter Stories and Pictures

Unfortunately there is always a certain amount of suffering inseparable from sport. It is the real sportsman's aim to reduce this to a minimum. There is nothing so apt to spoil the sport of a man who is a sportsman and not a butcher as to have wounded game get away from him. Occasionally such accidents must happen, but when they do so happen, they are not quickly forgotten by the man with humanity in his make-up, and they usually tend to make him even more careful in the future, not to take unsportsmanlike shots, which are more apt to result in a wound than a kill. It is therefore particularly a matter of regret to those who regard the sufferings of dumb animals to read in what are called sportsmen's magazines tales of slaughter rather than sport, and the recounting of incidents which are so far from being interesting to a sportsman as to be actually repulsive. Recently I saw in one of the American sporting magazines a photograph of "the wounded moose," a poor animal which had been left half-sitting and half-lying on the ground, while the "sportsman" (save the mark!) who had wounded, but not killed it, posed for the picture a safe distance away from the poor brute in its death agony. Such a picture could give no pleasure to anyone except perhaps to the unfeeling brutes who took it, and to my mind was a disgrace to any publication which professed to publish in the interests of sport.

It was with a similar feeling of disgust that I read in another magazine the description of the doing to death on the shore of Salt Spring Island of a wretched little ninety-pound buck in the water with I forget how many rounds of No. 6 shot. The details are revolting to any man with the instincts of true sport in his make-up.

Occasionally we are offered a photograph of a large bag strung out to make it look as big as possible, and the would-be contributor goes away wondering why it is refused. The reason is somewhat similar. To most gun and rod lovers there comes a revulsion of feeling with the sight of an overlarge killing, and we would as soon see a picture of the side of a poultry-er's shop as some of these photos of long strings of fishy ducks and worm-caught trout. That is the point of view of the present editor of this page, and I believe that it is the point of view of the large majority of his readers also. Sport should be something higher and less degrading than blood-lust, or we want none of it.

Fish Dealers and the Sale of Game

I understand that the fish dealers of this city have a grievance. In the first place, they do not like the law which allows the shooting of geese and brant at this time and forbids the sale of the same. There was a good reason for this provision, and it will probably work well for the ultimate good of all. Formerly in March and April, when the brant were moving northwards, the market hunters made enormous bags in the best-known resting places of the migrating fowl, so much so that there were good grounds for fearing the brant shooting would soon be a sport of the past. This is a country of remarkable wealth of sea fish, and the small loss which might possibly fall on the fish dealers through being debarred from the sale of game and wildfowl is something quite insignificant compared with the importance of fostering the sporting possibilities of the province.

Another little grievance is that, although they are debarred from the buying and selling of venison, the Vancouver dealers are not; there is something in this, but the remedy is not to let them all sell it, but to prohibit them all equally. There seems good reason to believe that the fast motor launch supplies many a Vancouver Island buck to the Vancouver market, though it is extremely difficult for the wardens with their present powers and facilities to catch the guilty party red-handed.

The Attorney-General in the budget speech told us that it was intended to entirely revise the Game Act next session. If the most influential of our sportsmen will kindly get busy, there seems to be a very good chance still of getting that gun license. The arguments in favor of it have been urged again and again, and we are still waiting to hear from the other side, if indeed there is another side to hear from, which we are beginning to doubt.

THE VICTORY OF THE FISHES

(A story of the big fish of Cowichan Lake, told by Andrew Haggard in the London Field.)

A day with the sun shining brightly in the heavens, with the bluest of blue skies, and the air so clear and fresh that a pin could almost be seen glittering on a mountain top miles and miles away, is certainly not the day that most people would choose for an all-day's outing with a fishing rod. My friend W. and I, however, had but little choice to make when we decided, at the end of May, to go off for a day's trolling, for all of the days at that season were alike on Vancouver Island.

Neither of us had any particular penchant for trolling for trout, but both of us did particularly aspire to take a good long jaunt up "the big lake"—that is to say, up the larger and uninhabited portion of Cowichan Lake lying beyond the Narrows. The lower part, that out of which the famous Cowichan River flows, is some seven miles in length. It is mostly long and narrow, has three or four houses in cleared

land and a comfortable summer hotel built at various points in the forest along its shores. The lower lake affords exceedingly pretty scenery—charming is the word that best applies. There is both good fly fishing and trolling for rainbows and cut-throats at certain points in this lower lake, but for the real good trolling, when you expect to strike a three or four pounder every time, those who know say you must go to the big lake. W. and I did not know from any personal experience, but time and time again, while contenting ourselves with our fly fishing for one-pounders, two-pounders, or three-pounders in the river, tidings would come to our ears of some party returning from the big lake with an enormous haul. We determined to go and explore the fishing grounds accordingly, and to travel for a good long distance up the fifteen miles of water which lie beyond the gloomy rock-bound Narrows.

When the steam launch which we had chartered emerged at length into the big lake, the beauty of the scene before our eyes was such as to make us both declare that, fish or no fish, we were delighted that we had come. Such a view of green-topped mountains near at hand, of snow-clad peaks lying beyond, of gloomy ravines or valleys where some distant rivulet tumbled down to feed the lake, and of little islets, reflected with every bush that grew upon them in the water, can never be done justice to by pen or words alone. The lake was

W., afraid of the big fish on his light fly rod, mounted a heavier double spoon on a much stouter cast. Each spoon bait was ornamented with a row of red coral beads, which were strung on the wire attaching the upper spoon to the lower one, and we used not the usual triangles, but one hook only, which dangled just below the lower spoon. All the Indians fishing for salmon on the coasts of British Columbia use the single hook in this manner, and nearly all sportsmen who fish at the famed Campbell River or other trolling resorts follow the example of the Redskins. We rowed once or twice round a little island near our larger one without getting a touch, and then, just as we had begun to talk about landing for lunch, we saw a big fish throw himself out with a heavy splash.

Rowing over to the spot, we found the water so clear that we saw a large spoon bait lying on the bottom, which had evidently been lost by some previous angler; and then, "mirabile dictu!" I had a strike. My rod bent double, a few yards of line ran off the reel, then all was still. The fish was gone, but no more was said about lunch, and a few minutes we trailed our lines a second time over the same spot. Again, just as we saw the lost spoon lying on the bottom, the fish came at me. This time I hooked him well and firmly, but, although the trout was a large one, never did fish fight in a more languid manner. In a few minutes we had him in the boat, a long, lanky

was at all events well enough hooked, and never was one better handled. But could I ever get him into the net—a large net, certainly—but, such a fish? I vowed to W. that rather than lose that beauty I would go into the water after him and seize him by the tail with my teeth, Cree Indian fashion, and I meant to. But I need not have troubled myself, for the "doyen" of the trout of Cowichan Lake did not intend to trouble me. He saw that steam launch coming, and made one final dash straight at it for protection. For a moment something silvery was seen splashing behind the launch, and then—and then the spoon and W.'s minnow trace remained beautifully tied up in the screw! W. and I are never going trolling any more; flies are good enough for us!

TARPON ON LIGHT TACKLE

I am about to tell you the story of the heretofore deemed impossible—made possible.

For years it has been the dream of ardent marine anglers to take the matchlessly game tarpon upon light tackle. While it is true that the majority of anglers have always considered it no common achievement to take these with the regulation equipment, still there have always been those who were haunted by the idea that heavy tackle did not give these gallant sea warriors a fair chance, and who seriously doubted if, after all, it was so much of an angling achievement to take them with the standard tarpon rod, reel and line. Usually he who dreamed of light tackle quickly changed his mind when in actual combat with these mighty silver knights of salt water and thanked the gods that he was equipped with a good stiff rod and stout line. Even then it was a frequent occurrence to lose his fish because of a broken tip, or perhaps a hook-broken just below the barb.

Tarpon fishermen of fifteen years ago remember the time when it was considered a good average to kill one out of every ten fish struck, and a fight of from one to three hours was the usual thing. When a tarpon was taken in less time it was considered decidedly unusual and most remarkable. As time went on, and anglers became more skillful and their tackle correspondingly improved, one tarpon secured out of every five hooked was considered a good average. Now, the heavy-tackle average is one out of every three strikes, and an expert is expected and expects to keep up this average. Always, as proved by history, the dreamer of dreams somehow or some way has his day and comes into his own.

On June 16, 1907, L. P. Streeter, of Pasadena, Cal., registered at Tarpon Inn, Tarpon, Texas. It was his daring audacity and initiative that gave official birth to light tackle for tarpon. At first Mr. Streeter received little or no encouragement, and if it had not been for A. W. Hooper, of Boston, and J. E. Cotter, the proprietor of the Inn, to take tarpon on light tackle would have been the exclusive privilege of Streeter. These two, however, were willing to be shown, and when Mr. Streeter brought in a tarpon measuring five feet nine inches they became incalculable and started out to do likewise. In landing this fish both angler and boatmen were carried into the breakers, and were forced to quit the boat, take to the water and wade ashore. After a long and bitter fight they beached the fish, two miles from the point of hooking.

In 1907, of the many anglers who came to Tarpon, only five qualified for membership in the new brotherhood, and none equalled Mr. Streeter's fish of five feet nine inches. Among these five was Rex Beach, author of "The Barrier," the best novel of the Great North yet written. In 1908 the membership increased to ten and included Mr. Gifford Pinchot, chief of Uncle Sam's forestry department, and Charles F. Holder, author of several books on fresh and salt water game fish. The largest fish of that year was taken by A. W. Hooper, and measured six feet and one-fourth inches. Hooper also won the Streeter cup, a Vom Hoff and a Pflueger reel, a Murphy rod and an Ash-away line.

In 1908 an interesting incident occurred involving two millionaire heavy-tackle exponents, one from St. Louis and the other from Texas. These two got up a lengthy argument on light tackle, which ended in the Texan betting the St. Louis angler \$50 to \$50 that he couldn't hook and land on light tackle a fish large enough to qualify him for membership. The bet was accepted and the St. Louisan promptly and gamely started forth to do or die, and brought in before night a five-foot-one-inch fish. The bet was, of course, as promptly and gamely paid. The winner gave his boatman, John Fromlich, \$100 as a tip. The Texan is now one of the most enthusiastic of light-tackle anglers, eschewing heavy tackle altogether, and his yacht is almost constantly in Tarpon Bay.

This year, up to June 1, twelve new anglers have qualified, making the membership total twenty-two, two of whom are women and both gold-button winners. Mrs. O'Mara, of Salt Lake City, won the Wilcox ladies' medal, presented by Henry Wilcox, of Denver, Colo., to the first lady taking a gold-button fish. Already eighty fish have been taken on light tackle this year, and before the season closes, November 1, this number will undoubtedly be doubled.

The largest tarpon of this year on light tackle was taken by my old friend L. A. Dockery, of Chihuahua, Mexico, and measured six feet four and three-eighths inches. Mr. Dockery hooked his fish at the point of the jetties and it carried him to Lydia Ann, seven miles from the point where he struck it, prob-



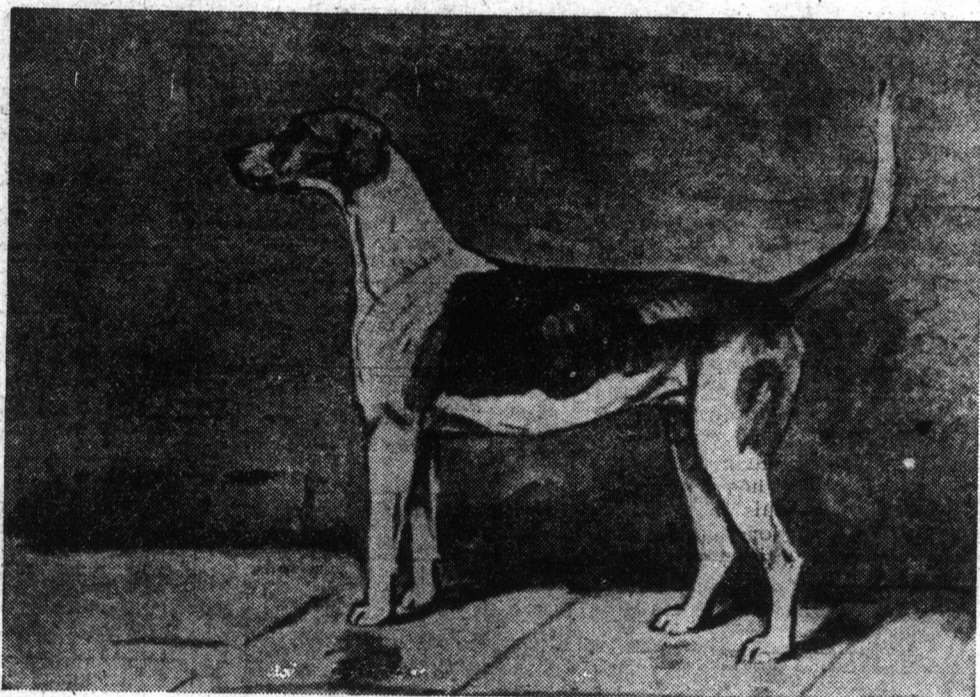
Sportsman's Calendar

MARCH

Sports for the Month—For the angler: Trout-fishing after March 25, grilse and spring salmon fishing. For the shooter: Geese and brant, which may be shot but not sold.

March 26—Opening day of trout-fishing season.

N.B.—March is one of the best months of the year for spring salmon trolling, and for brant shooting.



English Fox Hound, The Blankney Vandal, 1909.

some four miles wide, and as we travelled somewhat slowly up its unruffled course, it seemed to us as if the whole landscape were doubled. The reflection of every mighty tree along the shores, of every dazzling peak at a distance, was so perfect that a photographic picture doubled in half lengthways and cut in two would have exactly given two presentations of the same scene. It was still early in the morning, and as we passed we saw half a dozen deer drinking, a black bear shuffling leisurely along a bare spot on a precipitous hill, and various magnificent eagles soaring overhead or seated unconcernedly upon the tops of the pine trees on the margin of the pellucid lake. But of fish breaking the surface of the water there was nowhere any sign, and as the sun rose higher and became ever hotter and hotter it seemed to us as though we were traveling along the surface of a mirror.

"It won't make any difference, I think," remarked G., the young fellow who owned the launch; "if only you strike the right places you'll catch some fish all the same. And would you like any worms, by the way, to tack on to the end of your spoons? I have some here. It's what all those Victoria fellows do who come up here and make such huge bags. 'Worms! Poacher!' we exclaimed. 'Do you take us for Yankee fishermen from the lakes of Maine—fellows who troll for trout and land-locked salmon with a bunch of 'night walkers' as big as your fist dangling a yard below a huge spoon that serves but to attract with its meretricious glare? Worms! Perish the thought!' 'Oh, well, do as you like,' replied G., 'but those brewery fellows and bank clerks whom I took up the lake to camp out last week caught all of those monsters they had that way, and they left a heap of their prepared worms behind them. As they cost them 25¢ a box, it seems a pity to waste them. Besides, you came to catch fish, didn't you?' 'Pish!' was our reply; and shortly, leaving G. to go on still further up the lake with two other men, W. and I cast ourselves adrift in a boat near a lovely island, surrounded by some of the shoals which the big fish were supposed to frequent.

The sun had now become so blazing hot, sighted for a suit of pyjamas. Having landed on the island and "cached" our spare clothes, luncheon, and extra tackle in the shade of a magnificent maple tree, we got our fly rods together and started to troll from opposite sides of the boat; and we proposed to make the trolling as like fly fishing as possible. Ever a believer in fine tackle, I put up a very small double spoon, of the kind known as a "Tacoma" on the Pacific Coast, on a fine gut spinning trace.

cut-throat 3 1/2 lb. in weight, but in poor condition. No more fish coming, we went ashore and lunched, and lollied for an hour or so on the soft moss and watched the various kinds of birds that fluttered in the branches only a few yards from our heads. So tame were the birds on that island that even a pair of woodpeckers ran up and down the bole of the tree against which we reclined, while lazily smoking the pipe of peace. At length a breeze sprang up, and with the breeze first a swell and then white horses on the lake.

We started again in our boat hugging the nearer shore, which was partly protected by two large islands, and a promontory from the swell of the waves, and then things began to happen. I got hold of a large fish, and lost him after a long fight; directly after was I into another, and lost him, too, at the side of the boat. Then I had hold of a third, of over 4 lb. in weight, and for ten minutes or so was in an agony of fear that I should lose him likewise; but W. succeeded in netting him, after a lengthy and determined struggle. My comrade was, meanwhile, not getting a touch, but upon putting on a fine minnow trace which I gave him, he too began at once to hook—and to lose—big fish after big fish. Six monsters did the unhappy W. get to the side of the boat one after another, and each of the six threw itself off the hook with a wild bound just as I was stretching out to get it into the net. Then he landed one, a splendid cut-throat, a 5-pounder, but it was the last fish either of us killed on that disastrous day. I will not detail at length all the ghastly disappointments of that afternoon, but state briefly that, although we were evidently trolling through waters simply bristling with splendid cut-throats and a few rainbows, out of sixteen fish, all large, that we hooked during two hours, we only succeeded in getting two into the boat. At length human nature could stand it no longer.

We owned ourselves beaten, and wanted to go home to recover from the disgrace. So we flew signals of distress to the three fellows whom we had left in the launch. We could see them in the distance trolling from her stern up and down a shoal. As they steamed towards us I took in my bait. I hated the very sight of the thing, and the rod too; but W., from sheer carelessness, not intention, left his spoon as before dangling out behind as I rowed dejectedly along. Suddenly his rod was nearly snatched from his hand and nearly all the reel line ran out. The fish threw himself—oh! what a monster! Again he jumped; he looked like a salmon. The men in the launch began to cheer, and put on full steam to get nearer so as to see the fun. This fish—perhaps the biggest trout in all Cowichan Lake—

ably doubling that distance in criss-crossing and saving back and forth. Dockery was "all in," and great muscular fellow that he is, his hands were trembling like a leaf and he was ready to "take the count" when his boatman finally gaffed the fish. And this is little to be wondered at, when one considers that he fought his fish four solid hours. Tarpon fishermen will realize what a tremendous task it was, and the skill required, if they will stop and think how much of a fight a fish this size would give them on regular heavy rods and lines, ranging from a dead lifting capacity of forty-two to seventy-two pounds.

One is apt to occasionally lose a fish to sharks, on account of the fact that it is necessary to thoroughly lick your fish before there is the slightest chance of bringing him to gaff. Give a tarpon a fair chance, and he will make a monkey of the wildest old shark in the Gulf of Mexico. It is only when your tarpon is whipped almost into a helpless state that a shark has a chance to beat you out of him. But this fear of a shark taking, perhaps, a "gold-button" fish, only adds zest to the game. Such an incident happens so rarely that it is a real event. Light-tackle fishermen who boast of the big one lost to a shark usually get the laugh. Do not for one moment get it into your head that heavy-tackle fishermen are in the majority at Tarpon Inn. They are far in the majority, and the "old boys' fight shy of light tackle. Only one out of ten go in for it.

The last week of May, this year, the heavy-tackle fishermen had their inning and "put it all over us." Chauncey M. Powers, amateur shotgun champion of America, caught eight tarpon in six hours, the largest measuring six feet five inches, and Mr. E. H. Brown, of Chicago, broke the world's record on heavy tarpon. In some respects his fish was a freak—it only measured seventy-eight and one-half inches in length, but had a fifty-one-inch girth. This fish weighed exactly 255 pounds. Edward Vom Hoff, of New York, will have to come down here and go some, as Mr. Brown's fish has his heretofore 212-pound world's record tarpon beaten fairly by forty-three pounds.

I have fished for tarpon on the east coast of Florida and at Tampico, Mexico, but Aransas Pass has those waters beaten to a frazzle, for fighting fish. Here you don't have to charter a yacht, cruise up and down the coast and hunt for the fish, as in Florida; and you don't have to seek them for twenty-five miles up or down the river, as in the Panuco, at Tampico. However, the fishing on the Panuco is great, and it has the advantage of giving one winter fishing. At Aransas Pass the season starts March 15 and ends November 1, but October is the best month of all. The fish are all within a mile or two of the hotel. The boom of the waves breaking in white foam upon the jetties, the shriek of the wild sea mew, the graceful flight of fish-hunting pelicans and the music of the sea birds, would awaken in the dullest of souls something of the spirit of one's Norseman ancestry. If you want to experience the highest enjoyment an angler can dream of knowing, if you would meet fish as game as the gamest drop of blood that flows in your body, if you would do something in the fishing line that you will never forget so long as you live, if you would test your skill and science against a fish that detests the word "quit," if you want to wipe the salty sweat of a noble sport from your eyes and experience the godlike pleasures of victory—then come to Tarpon or Aransas Pass and show that you have the stuff in you to land a silver or gold-button tarpon on light tackle.—Will H. Dig, in Field and Stream.

"How did you get that black eye, Willie?" "I got dat," replied Willie, disgustedly, "by waitin' to count ten when I was angry, like you told me to."



Tall, broad-shouldered and erect, strong, well-marked face of a great Sitting Bull, the greatest of Sioux out-generalled Custer of the "Up Army," and killed him and his force on the Little Big Horn, whom anyone would point out as first sight. Such is the recollection remains in the mind of William carpenter at the provincial building, but formerly, like H. H. Nas, the same institution, a member of a organized body of Northwest Mounted into the Canadian wilderness, law and order among savages and.

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STORY OF A FRONTIER-MAN

Tall, broad-shouldered and erect, with the strong, well-marked face of a great general, Sitting Bull, the greatest of Sioux chiefs, who out-generalled Custer of the United States Army, and killed him and his force in a bloody battle on the Little Big Horn, was a man whom anyone would point out as a leader at first sight. Such is the recollection of him that remains in the mind of William Davis, now carpenter at the provincial buildings in Victoria, but formerly, like H. H. Nash, usher at the same institution, a member of the first-organized body of Northwest Mounted Police sent into the Canadian wilderness to maintain law and order among savages and outlaws.

Perched among the shavings on his bench the other day, his eyes closed and turned backward over the intervening years, Davis told of the stirring days when the bloody-handed Sioux fled across the border with the reeking scalps of Custer's men. Davis was then attached to a troop of fifty police stationed at Cypress Hills, near the American border, under command of Col. Walsh. The police post was situated in a deep valley circled by high hills, and it consisted of a collection of chinked-log buildings surrounded by a ten-foot stockade constructed of up-ended timbers left unchinked. As Davis recalls it now, he says it was more of a death-trap than a protection, because an attacking party needed only to rush up under cover of the stockade outside, shove their rifles through the chinks and blaze away, while the force inside, like rats in a trap, could not retreat if it wanted to.

With their base at this post, Walsh's troop patrolled day by day the immense, wild country tributary to Cypress Hills. They awed the Canadian Indians, struck terror to the heart of outlaws and whiskey traders, and rounded up horse and cattle rustlers, either driving them across the boundary amid a rain of bullets, or capturing and incarcerating them in the prison at Stony Mountain.

One day away back in the seventies, breathless Blackfeet scouts came to the police post at Cypress Hills with startling news that the whole American army had been wiped out to the south and that the terrible Sioux were hitting the trail northward for the boundary. This news could not fail to produce some uneasiness among the handful of red-coated troopers who, although they had no other thought than to stand their ground and put up a bold front, come what might, felt very dubious as to the outcome when a thousand or more Sioux with the blood-lust strong in them, flooded the boundary country. Scouts were thrown out to give word of the approach of Sitting Bull's warriors, and the daily routine of the post was carried on quite as usual, single constables riding for and wide, doing their duty despite all the red-skins on the plains. Then, over night and as silently as the stars, the Sioux invaded the Cypress Hills, and when morning broke the smoke from their campfires rose in the clear air from the ridge of hills completely surrounding the little police post. Tips of spears appeared above the trees, and the sight was ominous to the little troop of police in the valley below. Col. Walsh decided that a bold stroke without delay was imperative, and, mounting every available man, he rode at the head of his small force into the Sioux camp. He sought out Sitting Bull for a pow-wow. The Sioux chief was reticent and surly at first, but the Canadian officer told him through an interpreter that while he sojourned in Canada he must respect the laws and behave himself, or disaster would come to him and his warriors, they would be hunted as the coyote is hunted, driven from bluff to bluff, from slough to slough, until not one of them remained.

Sitting Bull heard this ultimatum in silence. Then drawing himself up and stretching his

arm out to indicate the wide range, he said, in a few words, that the Sioux were not at war with their white brothers of Canada, that they came as peaceful men, with no malice in their hearts and that they would respect the laws of the white men.

This assurance lifted a great load from the minds of the police. As it was delivered, the alert, watchful little troop of red-coats was lost in a sea of silent, gaudily-dressed braves, armed to the teeth and with the marks of the Custer massacre still upon them. Knowing full well that at a signal from Sitting Bull they would be wiped out within five minutes, the constables joked with the Sioux braves as they sat their horses, laughed and chatted among themselves and never once betrayed the least token of fear. At the same time more than one apparently carelessly-held carbine had the drop on Sitting Bull's heart, and had he given the signal he himself would have been the first to fall.

But Sitting Bull was true to his word, and spoke with a single tongue, and during the period of his sojourn he and his braves were always friendly and well-behaved. The police and the Sioux became good friends, and many a wild night of dancing and feasting Davis and his comrades put in with the men of Sitting Bull's army. Two pounds of tea apiece, given over to the squaws, made the policemen welcome guests for a night, and so friendly did the police and the Sioux become that, far from giving trouble, the Sioux often rendered the police valuable assistance. However, Sitting Bull himself, while he participated occasionally in the revels, held aloof for the most part, and the police were not deceived as to the real motive behind his policy of friendship. They knew that the wily old chief realized that it would never do for him to antagonize the military on both sides of the line at the same time. But for this it is very likely he would have murdered the police force at Cypress Hills without compunction, for he was ever bitter in his hatred of and contempt for the white man.

Notwithstanding the professed friendship of the Sioux, Col. Walsh was too good an Indian fighter to be entirely off his guard. He never ceased to watch and to have scouts tally the movements of the Sioux. The policemen soon became proficient in the Sioux sign language, so that they could talk with the Indians. This sign language was very interesting and Davis recalls to-day having met a small hunting party of Sioux, mounted on restless little buckskins, setting forth from the hills. He stopped them and, with signs, asked where they were going. The leader of the party swept his arm outward towards the plains and said, gutturally:

"Wa-ho, mini-ton-ka, poney comet, mush-toosh!"

This enlightening piece of information was rendered perfectly intelligible by accompanying signs. The "wa-ho" was suited to a wide, away. "Mini-ton-ka" Davis knew meant "big lake" or "big water"; "poney comet" was the Sioux jargon word for "fast horse," and this word was accompanied by a sign made by placing the first and second fingers of the right hand over the left wrist in the position of a man astride a horse. "Mush-toosh" was the word for "bison," and it was further illuminated by placing the hands against the sides of the forehead to represent horns.

Davis interpreted the sentence at once. The party was going far out on the plains, by the big lake, or horseback to hunt buffalo.

It was in 1877 that Davis was transferred to Fort McLeod, in the province of Alberta, where the police were in command of Col. McLeod, a very efficient officer, and it was in this year that Davis took part in the making of the first great treaty with the Blackfeet. Gov-

ernor Laird, the old pioneer ruler, who, until last year, was in charge of the Indian Office at Winnipeg, but who is now resident at Ottawa, conducted the treaty, and Col. McLeod led a guard of 100 Mounted Police as an escort for the Governor. The Blackfeet, many hundreds of them, came under the chiefmanship of Crowfoot, as bad an old cuss as the whole country boasted. The meeting took place at Bow River Crossing, in a deep, wide valley, and the sight presented there while the treaty was being made will never be seen again, not though all the wild west shows that ever were organized could be banded together in an amphitheatre made up of all the biggest show halls of the world.

Crowfoot had been reconciled to the treaty-making with extreme difficulty, and the police were wary and suspicious when the meeting took place. They suspected the old chief from the very start, and, as was shown afterwards, they had good cause. It was learned, years later, that Crowfoot had sent emissaries to Sitting Bull at Cypress Hills, imploring him to join with the Blackfeet in massacring the whites at Bow River Crossing when they met to pay treaty. This was to have been followed by a general murderous sweeping of the whole country. However, old Sitting Bull had declined with scorn, because of his policy of friendship with the white men in Canada, but probably equally because of the long-standing, deep-seated enmity that existed between the Sioux nation and the Blackfeet.

The ceremonies attendant upon the payment of three years' treaty money lasted for three weeks. The big valley, a mile and a half wide and six miles long, was a blaze of color and a-dance with activity. The Blackfeet camp extended from end to end, and at the open end of the valley, in a commanding position and protective of the Governor's camp, the police escort was established. The police were never off their guard during the whole three weeks, and every move of the Indians was watched with suspicion. The red-skins had decked themselves in their most gaudy attire, and the 4,000 of them made a wonderful sight. Davis recalls that there were at least eight thousand dogs attached to the Indian camp, and these curs made every night a delirium.

To feed the host of red-skins and whites during the three weeks, great quantities of supplies were required, including herds of several thousand head of cattle. The greatest menace to the safety of the whites and a constant source of trouble for the police was the presence of a small army of Yankee whiskey traders, who took the treaty money from the Indians in return for silphurous liquor as fast as it was paid out. When the redmen had assimilated a little of this fiery beverage, they began to recall the glory of their fathers and the magnificent traditions of their race, and it was only by the exercise of the greatest tact and a stringent control of the traders that the



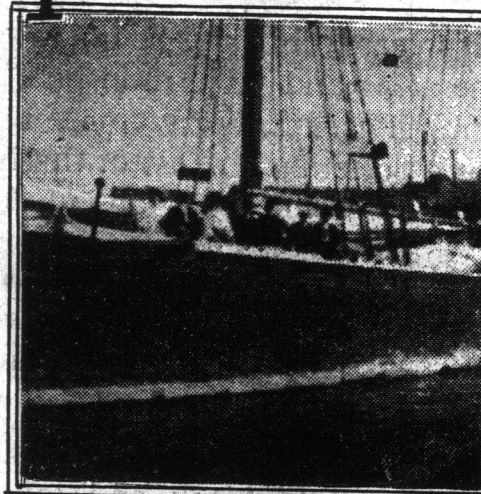
William Davis

police prevented trouble arriving in large chunks. One of the most valuable assets the police force possessed in this maintenance of law and order was a brace of nine-pounder guns, the usefulness of which they demonstrated frequently by shooting at targets. The effect of these pieces produced a very desirable sensation of awe in every Blackfeet heart. However, to return the compliment and offset the glory of the white men, the war-whoops organized a grand fandango to finish up the meeting. When preparations for this affair were under way the police were positive that the crisis was at hand. They scented a blind in the proposed war dance and sham fight, and they were prepared for real hostilities at any moment. To this day no man can say whether old Crowfoot organized that fandango in good faith or not, but the fact remains that he was given small opportunity to start anything, and the affair passed off peacefully.

Davis says he will never forget the thing as long as he lives. The Indians decked themselves in fighting garb and full war paint, and the affair began with a bardance. Hooting, yelping, slashing right and left at the air, firing rifles and revolvers, hundreds of hideous, grotesque bucks as wild as the Cadarene swine, circled about a central point. Silent, watching every movement with nerves steeled to any emergency, convinced that the signal would come at any moment, the Mounted Police watched the awe-inspiring war dance of the Blackfeet.

Following the war dance the Indians held a sham-fight, and if there was anything of savagery, of fear-inspiring weirdness, wanting in

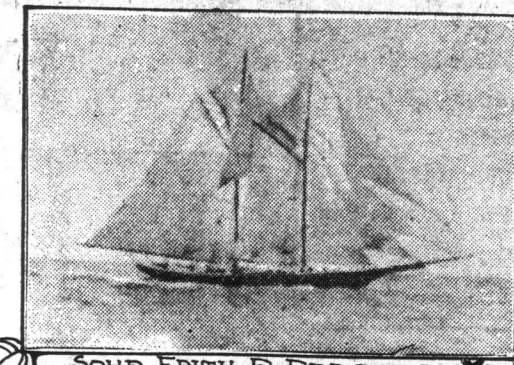
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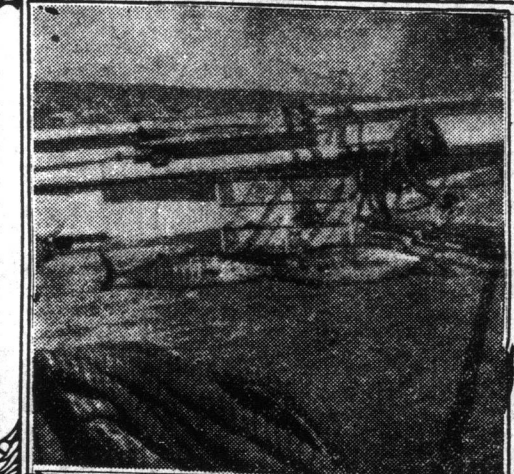
A GROUP OF SEALERS WITH SOME LADY FRIENDS



A SHEEP HERDER'S HUT ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS



SOHR. EDITH E. BALCOM



SPANISH MACKEREL CAUGHT OFF THE RIVER PLATTE



PENGUIN ROOKERY ON THE FALKLANDS

the war-dance, it was thoroughly atoned for in the sham-fight. Throughout this again the police were watching like hawks, for, friendly as they professed to be, the red-skins were in full war regalia and ready at an instant's signal to fall upon the whites. However, the dance and the sham-fight passed without dangerous developments, and the treaty was completed in peace.

Mr. Davis has a fund of reminiscence of the early days, each fraught with adventure and danger. Many a time he has walked hand-in-hand with death, but he came safely through every adventure, and is hale and hearty today, an interested spectator of the march of progress across the wide plains where once he saw the countless bison roaming, the prairie schooner of the whiskey trader trekking from camp to camp, the flitting horse-thief and the roving bands of Indians.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES IN PRIVATE LIFE

The obligations of her high position require the Princess of Wales to keep a vast number of social engagements which she does quite willingly and cheerfully; but there is not the least doubt that her chief happiness is in her home life; to be with her children and the few who enjoy her intimate friendship is the greatest enjoyment the Princess can have.

Before the King's accession to the throne, Her Royal Highness spent a great deal of her time at York Cottage, and lived what was, comparatively speaking, a life of seclusion. She appeared, of course, at Court, and attended a certain number of social and public functions, but the Princess held that her first duty was to her children, and to them she devoted by far the greater part of her time.

Never was there a more devoted or loving mother. On one occasion when Prince Edward was about four years old the Princess took him, as was her frequent custom, for a walk unaccompanied by a nurse. Her Royal Highness went rather further than she had intended, and the little Prince suddenly declared he was tired and could walk no farther. The Princess promptly took him up in her arms and carried him back the whole way to York Cottage—nearly a mile distant.

With the Royal Children

The Princess was a tremendous believer in outdoor life for children, and it was a strict rule at York Cottage that the young Princess should be ready to go out at ten o'clock every morning unless the weather was exceptionally bad, but they were never kept in on an ordinary wet day.

Her Royal Highness invariably went out herself with her children; she taught them how to trundle hoops, and delighted in running races with them.

After the King's accession, the Princess had, of course, to fulfil many more public and social obligations than hitherto; as Princess of Wales she had to reside at Marlborough House, and take an active part in many functions at which, as consort of the heir apparent, it was necessary she should appear. It is a matter of common knowledge that this is a part of her life which has never appealed to the Princess; her nature is reserved and retiring, and if she consulted her own inclinations she would be seldom or never seen in

public. But the Princess knows that one in her high position cannot indulge her natural inclinations, and she has sacrificed them cheerfully. As hostess at Marlborough House, as guest at various great houses, and as patron of many charitable entertainments, she is always delightful and charming, gracious and kind.

Intimate Friends

Her friends, outside relatives, are few; among these are Lady Eva Dugdale and Mrs. Derek Keppel. The former is in her household, and the latter is the wife of the Hon. Derek W. Keppel, one of the Prince of Wales's equerries. Mrs. Keppel has known the Princess of Wales for many years, and one great bond of sympathy between them is their love of children. Mrs. Keppel and her children are constant visitors at Marlborough House, and the former are frequent playmates of, and great friends with, the royal children.

Mrs. Keppel also shares with the Princess a dislike of dancing, and at the state balls at Buckingham Palace the Princess and her friend may often be seen sitting out dances together when Her Royal Highness is able to escape performing a duty that does not by any means appeal to her.

The Princess made a rule when she first came to Marlborough House that she would keep at least one clear day a week in which she would devote herself altogether to her children. For that day she would enter into no engagements of a public or private character. In the morning Her Royal Highness would go out driving with the young Princess and the Princess Mary, but the feature of the day was afternoon tea, a meal partaken of entirely "en famille" in the Princess's boudoir, Her Royal Highness pouring out tea and dispensing the cakes herself.

The Royal Example

For three years the Princess kept her rule of devoting herself for one day entirely to children very strictly, but then the growing pressure of her engagements, when she was in London, compelled her to relinquish it; at no time, however, does Her Royal Highness ever pass a day when under the same roof as her family without spending at least an hour with them, in which she sets an example to many wealthy women who never see their children for days, and who have not one-tenth part of the obligations and duties which keep the Princess frequently busy for fourteen or fifteen hours out of the twenty-four.

The Princess, by the way, takes a very keen personal interest in the conduct of affairs in her Household; she insists on all her own personal accounts being settled regularly every month, and they must always be submitted to Her Royal Highness before being paid.

Mary had a little hen,
So why should Mary care?
One hen's sufficient now-a-days
To make a millionaire.

—Baltimore Sun.

Uncle Eben—I tell ye that it's excessive indulgence in pleasure that kills so many men.
Uncle Ezra—You're right on that, Eben. Those fellows that stay up till go'clock pitchin' quots by lantern light won't realize it till their eyes begin to fail em.—Puck.

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The New Spring Hats Are Graceful and Becoming

A GRAND DISPLAY TO BE SEEN AT SPENCER'S

This year, the most fastidious woman cannot cavil at the styles. They are unmistakably charming and graceful in line, offering a wide variety of choice, and most attractive in their trimmings. Every woman will find something at Spencer's that is becoming among such a varied offering. Most of the hats are as plementous in blossoms as an old-fashioned flower garden; some are made entirely of flowers, and diaphanous materials, such as tulle and malines, are much used in the trimming. In shape, the Spring hats are no longer exaggerated or grotesque. They tilt becomingly, revealing the face, wholly, or half revealing, half concealing, turning up on one side and sweeping down on the other. Much of the trimming is used toward the back of the hat, and many of the most attractive models show a few rosebuds or a twist of tulle nestling against the hair. The straws most in vogue this season will be the soft, pliable kinds with Leghorn as the favorite. Besides these, are rough, fancy straws in satin finish and in black and tan and in colors. Metal-colored straws are in strong vogue, and metal trimmings are seen in very many of the hats.

Outing Hats from \$2.50 Trimmed Dress Hats from \$5 Untrimmed Shapes from \$1.75



A large stock of Easter Novelties to select from at our Book and Stationery Department, Main floor.



Bewitching Loveliness Revealed in the New Spring Costumes

Only the deft fingers of the world's most skilful tailors and artists could mould such styles and animation into the garments now being shown at Spencer's. The models this year are the acme of style and grace, the most notable feature being the smart contour of the coats—decidedly mannish, yet retaining the delicate curves dear to femininity, long roll Russian, Cosack collars, faced with self-colored, rich silk. Then there will be found the novelty French fronts, marchioness models, direct from Paris, with the new pleated effects, made of the season's most wanted fabrics. In all, you will find that master tailoring shines forth in every detail of these handsome suits. Prices start at \$20.00 and range up to \$75.00



Dainty Designs in Lingerie—Splendid Values

A charming simplicity, suggestive of the fragrant delicacy of drifting flower petals, pervades the Springtime lingerie. The showers of lace and embroidery, in intricate and elaborate designs are still seen decorating undergarments, of course, but newer than these are sheer filmy lilies and lawns fashioned with the plain severity that shows the influence of Russian peasantry quaintness. We are showing a number of beautiful samples of French underwear, priced most reasonably.

- Ladies' 3-Piece Combinations, of fine nainsook, made with deep yoke of embroidery, set with Valenciennes lace insertion. Neck and sleeves finished with lace. Bottom finished with wide frill of lawn, set with insertion and edged with lace. Price \$4.00
- Ladies' 3-Piece Combinations, of nainsook, with yoke of embroidery, trimmed with imitation Maltese lace. Skirt trimmed with wide embroidery. Price \$2.75
- Ladies' Combinations, princess style, made of lawn. Neck and sleeves finished with Valenciennes lace, beading and ribbon. Skirt made with deep flounce of embroidery. Price..... \$4.75
- Ladies' Combinations of good quality lawn, made in princess style, trimmed with fine embroidery. Skirt finished with flounce of embroidery. Price..... \$3.75
- Ladies' Combinations, princess style. Material is fine lawn, trimmed with lace and baby ribbon. Skirt finished with wide flounce of tucked lawn. Price \$2.00



Beautiful Waists for Easter—Many Charming Designs that Show Good Taste

In planning the Spring wardrobe, the first consideration of the average woman is in all probability a tailor-made suit of good lines and well-wearing material. This is really an indispensable garment, and then follows in natural sequence a dainty waist that will harmonize with the suit.

The showing which is to be seen at this store is an unusually large one, while prices are such as to warrant early buying.

- Waists Priced at \$1.00
- Ladies' Waists, made of mercerized vesting, open front style, centre box pleat with pearl buttons, also has four half-inch tucks either side of box pleat. Collar is detachable. Sleeves are full length, finished with tucked cuffs. Price \$1.00
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- Ladies' Waists, made of fine white lawn, has all-over embroidered front in dainty openwork design, trimmed with cluster of tucking. New style bishop sleeve, trimmed with rows of tucks. Attached shaped collar, trimmed with lace insertion. Price \$1.25
- English Print Waist at \$1.50
- Ladies' Waists, made of fine English print, in fancy stripes. Made in the latest tailored style. Has yoke effect back and front, box pleat down centre and fastened through with pearl buttons. Regulation shirt waist sleeve. Detachable collar. Price ... \$1.50
- French Batiste Waist at \$3.50
- Ladies' Waist, made of shere mercerized French batiste in open front style. The front is very prettily trimmed with imitation Irish crochet, and cluster of fine tucking. New style sleeve and fancy embroidered Dutch collar. Price \$3.50

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Friday you can have a splendid Tea Set at next to nothing prices. These are in a number of very pretty designs, and consist of 40 pieces, all finished in gold. If you only knew the value of these tea sets you would not delay another moment in purchasing one. Friday, per set \$2.75

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- Women's Boots and Oxfords priced low—
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 - Glazed Kid Blucher, patent tip, light or heavy sole, American made \$3.00
 - Glazed Kid Oxfords, patent tip, high or low heel \$2.50
 - Tan Calf Oxfords, Blucher. Very stylish \$3.00
 - Tan Calf Oxfords, Blucher. Very stylish \$3.00
 - Men's Box Calf Blucher, dull calf tops \$2.50
 - Men's Satin Calf Blucher. A strong work boot \$2.50
 - Men's Box Calf Blucher, neat style. Price \$2.95
 - Boys' Box Calf Blucher, \$2.00, \$1.75 and \$1.50
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 - Girls' Strong Leather Boots, all solid, \$1.50 and \$1.25

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This weather makes it imperative that the little fellow should have a good Wash Suit. Our showing of these is a very large and varied one, and include fancy drills and piques in Buster and Sailor styles. Prices range from \$1.50 to 75c

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 London Daily Telegraph Points Moral from Tariff and Trade Agreement Lately Reached by Canada and Germany
ALSO REFERS TO U. S. NEGOTIATIONS
 Maintains That Valuable Opportunities Have Been Lost Since Mr. Chamberlain Launched Reform Crusade
 LONDON, March 17.—The Daily Telegraph (Unionist) has on the subject of tariff reform and Canada has the following: "While there is no immediate occasion for alarm in connection with the new commercial understanding between Canada and Germany—while, indeed, the end of the tariff war will be regarded with satisfaction by all reasonable people—there are henceforth obvious possibilities to which we can only be blind if we are not vigilant. The worst result of free trade is the effect it has on the country with regard to questions of commercial policy. Hit by hostile tariffs in very self-governing market, whether outside the Empire or under the flag, many of us continue to assume that international business will regulate itself for the best if left alone. This habit was always unwise, as Lord Beaconsfield said nearly seventy years ago. Since the South African war it has been stupid, in view of our persistent neglect of invaluable opportunities which have been well within our grasp. There is no real doubt that national stability or indecision on the Imperial aspect of the tariff question will be fatal to much of our commerce. We have another warning from the Washington government, which has taken a notable step in appointing envoys whose duty it will be in the first case to do all they can to prevent a tariff conflict between the Republic and the Dominion, and who will have next to make a fresh review of the whole fiscal problem as it now exists between Canada and her giant neighbor. When are we in this country—spoiled children of history as in the past we have been—going to awaken to a sense of the value of time? How long is faction going to stand in the way of objects that are vital to our Imperial existence? How long is a government dependent on the "Molly Maguires" of the Nation going to delay the movement for closer union of the Empire at a time when every year is rapidly diminishing chances that may never return?"

"When Mr. Chamberlain launched his great crusade, after exhausting all the alternatives in the eight previous years during which the greatest colonial secretary we have ever had guided the larger part of the empire from Downing street, the attainment of commercial union between the Mother Country and the three dominions was absolutely within our grasp. Seven years have passed. The result of another general election, though full of encouragement for the future, has been indecisive upon the Imperial question. We are contented by such people as we are yet. The Franco-Canadian treaty narrowed the margin of preferential possibilities, but with each other, and the racial relationship between Quebec and the Third Republic cannot be ignored. But the president will be utilized, as Germans now hope, for the purposes of a further and more intimate commercial treaty between the Fatherland and the greatest of our sister states, then the best chance of the policy of commercial preference under the flag would be killed at a very distant date. A parallel treaty with Washington would follow as a matter of course, and the prospect of any effective union of the British empire would finally and irrevocably disappear."

"For obvious reasons, what is conceded to Berlin could not possibly be refused to Washington, and though some nominal advantage might remain to the mother country, the practical value, that is the present profit of the preferential policy, would be wiped out. We cannot appeal to Canada. She must do what she likes, she has given us for twelve years every possible chance. She cannot wait for ever. Her statesmen are careful judges of the political situation at home, and we hope that they will hold their hand for a year or two longer. More they cannot do. Never was partnership more criminal—more deadly to a state—than that which has been wrapped up in the base cry of the Dear Lord. We have entered upon the last phase of our political opportunities. Unless we resolve at no distant date to give preference for preference, the Best Hope of the British Empire will be dead."

Avalanche of "Mistrust"
 SEATTLE, March 19.—Lured by the prospect of seeing an estate valued at \$40,000 to \$50,000, left by Jacob Brackmann, who was killed in the Wellington avalanche, bogus heirs have made demands for Brackmann's ad