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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1909.

Beaten in Fierce Battle By Revolutionists Under Estrada

LOSSES OF ZELAYANS ARE VERY HEAVY

day With Hope of Complete Victory

Gonzales. A great many were killed, the number being unknown. One hundred were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists. The Zelayan troops at Recreo have occupied what has been considered a strong position. Estrada is confident of defeating the enemy when he renews the attack tomorrow and forcing their surrender."

None of the officials of the State Department tonight would discuss the reported victory of Estrada. In Central American diplomatic circles there was a general celebration.

some chance that the Dominion government will not be able to defeat Winnipeg's plans for a world's fair, though it has delayed the holding of the event beyond any shadow of a doubt.

doubt.

It now appears that the railway companies have decided to remove at least one of the premier's pretexts. The C. P. R. stands ready to grant \$500,000 to the fair. The Canadian Northern railway company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company will each grant a similar amount, provided the holding of the fair is delayed till 1913 or 1914, when the two latter companies hope to have connected up their eastern lines with their western lines.

Estrada Will Renew Fight To-day With Hope of Com-

ALL DECLARING IN FAVOR OF CHANGE

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Railway Companies Make Generous Contributions Towards Proposed Centennial Fair

Leaders on Each Side Energetically Pleading Their Party's Cause

Date of Earliest Elections is Not Yet Definitely Determined -

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The Zelayan troops were routed by the revolutionary force in a fierce battle at Rama, lasting several hours, according to advices received here this fetrenoon. General Estrada, in command of the revolutionists, is not married to have been successful all along the line. The battle will be renewed to morrow.

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AT ESQUIMALT BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 22.

The London correspondent of the Post says he learns that between the imperial and Dominion governments which may result in the establishment of a naval base of considerable proportions on Vancouver Island. The present works at Esquimalt will be utilized in the proposed extension. It is understood that the authorities at Ottawa are prepared to provide \$10,000,000 for the purpose of constructing docks and other accommodations.

GRADES OVER

Less Formidable Than Supposed

GIVES FIGURES EAST AND WESTBOUND

> Suggested Tunnel Would Lower Gradients and Shorten

The Canadian minister's statement affecting Lord Lansdowne is as fol-

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affecting Lord Lansdowne is as follows:

"The bulk of the tariff reform case is made up of fiction—old, exploded fiction at that—and when one sees n man like Lord Lansdowne, whom we Canadians respected so much, parading it up and down England in the hope of catching the votes of the uninstructed, one cannot but think that evil communications have corrupted the good manners of the historic Tory party."

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Another astonishing statement reads thus: "The close friendship now existing between England and the United States and Canada and the United States would almost certainly be disturbed by the advent to office of Tories—militant imperialists—men who appear to imagine that they strengthen the empire by being insolent in turn to every foreign power who is not an actual treaty ally. Such weighty considerations as these have made thinking men in Canada all but solidly Liberal in the sense of heartily desiring the success of the British Liberals."

Who would imagine from this that it

and doubt the decision of the solvent will lead to the dropping of several labor candidates.

Libel Action Compromised VIENNA, Dec. 22.—The trial of the libel actions brought by deputies of the libel action by decising the successor, as foreign secretary, who laid the whole to the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer with the compact libel action of grade over the Hope longer with the libel action of grade over the Hope longer with the libel action of grade over the Hope longer of the libel action of grade over the Hope longer over the Hope longer over the Hope longer

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TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Toronto
Park company, controlling the Scarborough amusement park, is in the
hands of a receiver. Toronto and
Montreal people are large holders of
its \$135,000 bond issue. The action
was voluntary, and it is said the
company is largely trying to get rid
of surplus real estate.

More Fierce Gales on British Coast-Loss of Steamer

Lloyd-George and His Lordship of Bute Engage in Controversy

FROM GROUND RENT

Joseph Martin Indulges in Favorite Pastime in St.

follow it" (renewed cheers).

To which the Marquis of Bute replied: "For imperial and local taxation I pay on the annual return of the land to me, whether £56 or £1200. That is fair. Lloyd-George wants me to pay on £1200 when I only received £56, which would be grossly unfair."

Donald McMaster is calling on the dukes to aid him in his fight in Chertsey division. Lord Dundonald spoke for him last week, and last night the Duke of Norfolk was his chief speaker. The duke's speech was a good deal

VICTIM OF BOMB

St. Petersburg Chief of Police Killed While Getting Up False Evidence.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.-The assassination of Colonel Karpoff, chief of police, has caused a sensation here. The mystery is still unexplained but Karpoff was engaged in the manufacture of false evidence, that while the

ture of false evidence, that while the assassin, Vosskressensky, was in the police chief's pay, he was simultaneously plotting in behalf of the revolutionary factions.

It appears that after Karpoff entered the rooms, Vosskressensky went outside on the pretext of examining the electric bell, which failed to act. It is supposed that he then connected the wires which exploded the bomb.

The matter came up in the Dumatonight, and the leader of the Constitutional Democrats, M. Roditchoff, supporting an interpellation, suggested that the affair was the work of agents, and demanded that the government take measures to put an end to the participation of the secret police in terrorists' acts. The interpellation was referred to a committee.

bright's disease and inflammation of the heart.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Stockholders of Wells, Fargo & Co., ratified at a special meeting today the proposal to increase the company's capital stock from \$8,000,000 to \$24,000,000. With the increase there will be paid to stockholders a dividend of \$300 a share out of the accumulated surplus. The \$16,000,000 of new stock will be offered for subscription to shareholders at par in a proportion of two shares of new stock for one of the one of the members of the diplomatic corps will attend in full uniform. The president taft, accompanied by practically all of the members of his cabinet will of the members of the members of the soul of the most brilliant ever held in this city. All of the members of the diplomatic corps will attend in full uniform. The president tagether to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of King Leopold of Belgium. The mass of the diplomatic corps will attend in full uniform. The president tagether to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of King Leopold of Belgium. The mass of the diplomatic corps will attend the solemn high mass of requiem to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of King Leopold of Belgium. The mass of the diplomatic church tomorrow will be one of the members of the solemn high mass of requiem to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of King Leopold of Belgium. The mass of the diplomatic corps will attend in the solemn high mass of requiem to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of the members of the solemn high mass of requiem to be held at St. Matthew's Roman Catholic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of the members of the diplomatic church tomorrow morning for the repose of the soul of the d Requiem Mass for King Leopold.

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FOULLY MURDERED Operator at Small Station on Temiska-ming and Northern Railway Kill-ed by Section Man.

Dr. Jose Madriz Unanimously

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NORTH BAY, Ont., Dec. 22.—Redwater, a flag station on the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway, fifty-six miles north of North Bay, was the scene of a brutal murder last night, the victim being Operator W. J. Dyson.

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The tragedy occurred about 6 o'clock when a man entered the station and became boisterous. Dyson attempted to eject the intruder and a fight ensued. Suddenly another man rushed in and struck Dyson with a club, crushing his skull, and he sank dying to the floor, living only a short time.

Two sectionmen named Morin and Two sectionmen named Morin and Cornish were arrested by provincial constables for the murder. The prisoners were brought to North Bay on a special train early this morning together with the body of Dyson.

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Cornish's story of the tragedy is that he had words with Dyson over orders given by the latter to unload a car of coal. The quarrel resulted in a fight, and Dyson threw Cornish on the floor and was pounding him when Morin rushed in with a heavy club and struck Dyson repeatedly over the head until he rolled over on the floor unconscious and bleeding. Cornish and Morin returned to their shack, where they remained until arrested. Moriu admits using the club but says he had no intention of causing death. Both prisoners are young men, Morin 21 and Cornish 25.

The murdered man was only 22

FRANCE HAS

Steinheil Case Aftermath Results in Reform of Judicial Proceedings

REPUBLIC HAS

Increased Taxes on Liquor Arouses Opposition of the Dealers and Hotel Men

ment. They add that the new taxes would, if enforced, "complete the ruin of the small trades people, and also of the hotelkeepers, who are already overburdened," and they have empowered their representatives to bring this resolution to the notice of the president of the council and the minister of finance.

In the course of an instructive conversation after this meeting, the president of their syndicate said that they meant to be even more energetic than the National Federation of dealers in liquor. For one thing, they were resolved to oppose the constant increase of the number of functionaries. Some

liquor. For one thing, they were resolved to oppose the constant increase of the number of functionaries, some of whom received thousands of dollars per annum, but did absolutely nothing.
Since 1900 the taxes had increased at an enormous rate, and now they were all resolved to oppose the deputies for Paris and the provinces, who might vote the new taxes when the general election came off.

The hotelbox.

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The hytelkeepers' syndicate (the president concluded) embraced the whole of France, and its members, even in remote corners, would know what to do, as they would receive nistructions from headquarters. Thus the hotelkeepers will have to be reckoned with, as well as the publicans, and, as they are both powerful bodies, their opposition is not to be despised. There is, moreover, some talk of a flat refusal to pay the new taxes if they are voted by parliament.

Rev. N. G. Melvin, B. A. of Glassey, Scotland, has accepted the pastorial charge of St. John's Presbyterian church, Revelstoke.

THE LOCAL MARKETS

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CODY-JOHNSON—In this city on the 19th inst. at his residence, 565 John street, Edward Cody-Johnson, aged 80 years; a native of Instaag, County Waterford, Ireland. LIVINGSTON—On December 18th, at the Jubilee hospital Carroll Living-ston, aged 26, second son of the late Clermont Livingston, of Duncans,

WARK—At the family residence, 309 Simcoe street, John McAdoo Wark, aged 80 years; a native of London-derry, Ireland.

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wo Coal Mine Inspectors Appointed-Rupert Obtains Loan for Lighting

One of the most protracted meetings held in many months by the Provincial Executive was that of yesterday, the first in which the complete cabinet has been assembled since the general election and which continued from early morning until almost midnight. The business was as varied as it was voluminous, and incidentally several important requests may far apart sections of the province were disposed of.

Representations that have been under consideration in respect to the alleged insufficiently of coal mining inspectors to keep pace with the rapidly growing demands of the work, led to a decision being reached to appoint two additional inspectors for the Crow's Nest field, the choice falling upon Evan Evans and John Stratham.

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Grain Elevator Proposition. Still another extra-important item of business was the proposal advanced through E. H. Heaps of Vancouver. for assistance to a company with which he is identified in the building of large grain elevators at New Westminster city.

had built a small shack of cedar and lined it with tar building paper, for the accommodation of himself and family while on the contract. During the cold spell the stumping powder with which he was blowing out stumps and roots became frozen, and he had taken a dozen sticks of it and placed them behind the stoye to thaw out. The shack being only a 10x12 and the stumping powder very combustible, and exploding, instantly the tar paper and the whole interior of the dwelling was a seething mass of flames. The inmates of the place were able to get out without injury to themselves, with the exception of a daughter, who was acting as housekeeper and cook for the party. This unfortunate young woman became hemmed in by the flames and before she could be rescued her clothing and the flesh on her arms and body were burned almost to a crisp. Dr. McCaffery was immediately telephoned for, but no earthly ald could save the life of the unfortunate creature, and she died in a few hours.

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Prince Rupert Lighting.

With regard to the request from Prince Rupert, presented by an influential delegation still in those of by the province to see acquipment and installate plant in the new terminal city it was ultimately decided to acceed to the request, the details of the arrangement being left with the Minister of Public Works to adjust during the stay of the delegates in the Capital.

In brief the citizens of Prince Rupert had asked for accommodation in manner similar to that under which concessions had already been made to enable them to provide plank walks, sewer and water systems, the fundar requisite for the works contemplated being advanced by the government until such time as, with experience of ther Provincial cities—one of which (New Westminster) will at the carifest opportunity relinquish its special charter in order to come in under the Municipal Clauses Act—and make no demand for a special act.

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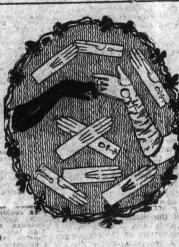


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WHY THEY WON.

There is a good deal of talk just now of the Conservative defeat in the Doto the subject we may mention some chine has yet been brought to a stage confident that when the sober thought have won so frequently in British Col-umbia of recent years. There have standing all that has been accomit it is the duty of Canada to come to umbia of recent years. There have standing all that has been accoming it is the duty of Canada to come to been two principal causes for the suc-plished these machines are yet in an the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that this duty can be best discharged the season of the machines are yet in an the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that this duty can be best discharged the season of the machines are yet in an the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the duty of Canada to come to be the season of the machines are yet in an the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire on the seas; posses of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the Empire of the McBride Ministry in its appropriate that the defence of the machines are propriate that the defence of the machines are propriated that the defence of the machines are propriated to the machines are propriated that the defence of the machines are propriated that the defence of the machines are propriated to the machines are propriated that the defence of the machines are propriated to peals to the people. One of them was the fact that it is and has been an energetic, able, honest, and progressive administration. The other is that its opponents have pursued it with vindictive criticism. The local Oppos-

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ed and carried into effect by the Con- province, cost the Dominion. servatives administration has been opposed by the Liberals. And the Op- tain its claim for better terms until dictive. The Liberal newspapers, or tention of abandoning, at least some of them, have indulged all manner of charges of dishonesty against their opponents; Liberal speakers during election campaigns

company and the Mnaitoba and British Columbia Railway Company have ish Columbia Railway Company have assigned their charters to a freshly organized syndicate of Canadian capitalists, and it is said that construction is to be begun. The projected line on the ocean and not in the narrow will start at Winnipeg and run to Lethbridge in Southern Alberta and thence to Pilot Bay, which is on

ces. As Colonist readers may remember, this paper has always maintained that judging from geological condrained by the Lewis and Liard rivers are likely to be found to be very richly mineralized.

AIRSHIPS IN WAR.

The latest idea in warfare is that squadrons of airships will replace cavalry and Earl Roberts and Major-General Baden-Powell are given as authority. Perusal of the speeches of these gentlemen hardly justifies such conclusion. Lord Roberts simply urged the British people and military authorities to study the question of flight, establish trained aeronautic corps and set up plants for the manufacture of the machines. Baden-Powell gave the following sumof the use to which

aerial squadrons could be put: Reconnoissance, obtaining complete and reliable information of the enemy's position, movements of arma-ments and numbers; transportation of troops by the employment of thousands of aeroplanes capable of carrying three or four men each; dis-

the Eastern papers as to the cause could assume from it that the use of horses in battle would be discess of the McBride Ministry in its ap- experimental stage although they are that this duty can be best discharged

NOT IN FORMA PAUPERIS

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British Columbia has been a very whereby large revenues have been de- it has not received, either directly or rived from the Crown Lands; the Liba fair return. We are often told that The Conservatives formed anti-Orithe Conservatives favored the Canadian Northern guarantee: the Lib- there were, we have paid back in land and in contributions to the revenue far

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SAFETY OF THE EMPIRE.

speakers during election campaigns have done the same thing. Now, you cannot win the confidence of the people by abusing your opponents; and this is one of the things which the record of the Liberals in this province has established. Given a government that is resolute and progressive, and an Opposition that confines itself to opposition and personal charges, and the government will win out every time.

A NEW RAILWAY.

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Lord Charles Berestord 1839 that in a very few years regular and statisfactory telephonic communication across the continent will be established. Sir Lomer Gouln says that Quebec is ahead of Ontario, and hence of all the other provinces, in technical education. British Columbia will have to see that her place is well to the front in this splendid rivalry.

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the United Kingdom depend upon distant wheatfields for food and upon Kootenay Lake, which for the present will be its western terminus. Then materials of manufactures. It seems materials of manufactures. It seems a line will be built from Cardston, on to be the bounden duty of the Colonies never compare with Quebec as a place the International Boundary, by way
of Lethbridge, Calgary and Edmenton
to Fort McMurray. Thence westward
up the Peace River and thence by the up the Peace River and thence by the most feasible route to Dawson. A The probability of an invasion of Canbranch from Fort McMurray to Fort ada is remote, for no nation would Churchill, or Hudson Bay is also con- undertake such a thing, no matter how templated.

This is a fairly ambitious undertake such a ching, no mach that without it much Great Britain were involved in hostilities, because the United States would be no horse races, and that without horse races the breeding of race horses would languish. To this it seems as if there were saveraged. ads. Our impression is that the road would prove a profitable undertaking, for such information as we possess of the country between Edmonton and the road would prove a profitable undertaking, for such information as we possess and humiliating position of looking to the road placing for defence against a her neighbor for defence against a her neighbor for defence against a her neighbor for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the road placing for the country between Edmonton and the road placing for the Dawson seems to justify the belief foreign foe; we only make the above meetings. Another is that races, that Dawson seems to justify the belief foreign foe; we only make the above meetings. Another is that races, that that it is one rich in varied resour- observation for the sake of making as are made interesting as races, have clear as we can what is the real position of Canada in connection with the naval defence of the Empire. It is not necessary, we do not say it is not other is that there is practically no from apparently analogous conditions existing in other parts of the conti-

charge explosive with much damage by hovering over the enemy's country and dropping hombs on powder magazines, stores, bridges and rail ways; raids by carrying small, composition of the composition of th were reasonable; but how any one of those who profess to believe that seems rather belated; but perhaps it may do some good. As a contribution to the subject we may mention some service in case the Empire shall be of the seasons why the Conservatives when it can be relied upon for all the of the people has had an opportunity

of swift cruisers and destroyers. coupled with dry docks of the larges Speaking of British Columbia's size; and that these ships, claim for Better Terms, the Ottawa while paid for with Canadian vindictive criticism. The local Opposition It it has only been an Opposition It has opposed everything proposed by the government. Here are a few instances:

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The Conservatives claimed a reada is, we hope, about to begin to build-a fleet that will in the course of a few years be able to patrol the sea: and make the commerce of the Empire safe from any foe.

The loss of life on the Great Lakes this year amounted to 121 persons. The Conservatives formed anti-Ori- the Canadian and of its cost, ought to This is probably the greatest on record.

Out of 36,000 qualified voters in Winnipeg, 2,500 voted at the municipal that everything that has been propos- tinental railway, chargeable to this elections. This does not look as is our Prairie friends took an especially keen interest in municipal affairs.

There are people in Canada uphold-ing the House of Lords, who would be sonable criticism in the legislature. principle involved in the claim, which is a furious rags. It has been bitter, personal, and vinthe people of the province have no inthe people of the province have no inhas done.

The president of the American Tele-Lord Charles Beresford says that phone and Telegraph company says that overseas Dominions must assist that in a very few years regular and satisfactory telephonic communication in keeping Britain's supply of material across the continent will be established.

Professor Robertson, of Macdonald College, says that the Prairies can better place for a home, come out to British Columbia and live.

existing in other parts of the continent and from such information as has been received from prospectors, Northeastern British Columbia and we should begin the construction of a which might come from horse races in the region in the Yukon Territory we should begin the connection with race-track gambling navy that will help to keep the highways of commerce safe to British is offset over and over again by the ships. It is necessary that we shall evil resulting from it.

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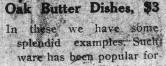
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some very attractive pieces, and the price range permits much choice. Stylish designs and finely 'ed from \$6 to.....\$3.50

Parlor Cabinets from \$12.50

Send a Parlor Cabinet. You know a home where such a gift piece would be appreciated. Choosing is easy from this stock. Range of styles is broad and the price list shows one for every purse. Weiler quality of course—the recipient will appreciate that fact. We have them priced from \$12.50

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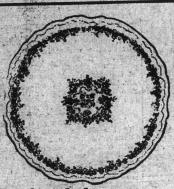
In biscuit barrels we show A very nopular style for the some very attractive salad bowl. These art attractively silver mounted. Linings of porcelain. Oak highly polished. Complete with servers. Priced from \$15 to \$7.00

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This season it would seem that such things were grander than ever-it is almost inconceivable that such handsome pieces can be produced for the prices obtaining.

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A splendor of Holiday merchandise representing more than half a year's planning, making and gathering.

Thousands of expert workers, both in America and Europe have spent weeks and months in the preparation of this wonderful aggregation of beautiful merchandise, which you are now cordially invited to inspect.

I We are confident that nowhere would these splendid things receive such a welcome as from the artistic, beauty-loving women of this city.

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DIFFICULT PLANTS.

In all arts and crafts, and in many other things, men have a curious tendency to attempt what is difficult because it is difficult. When they do this they turn an art into a game; for the essence of a game is that it sets up arbitrary difficulties to be surmounted by a skill exercised for the pleasure of exercising it. Thus gardening is properly an art; yet gardeners have always been inclined, in one way or another, to turn it into a game. You may blame them for it if you like, but they will pay no heed to you; for there comes a time in every gardener's career when he is no longer content with a beautiful garden in which all the plants, thrive and are well arranged, but must court difficulties and exercise his skill in overcoming them. This may be only a passing phase with him; after many experiments he may lose his love of adventure and become a pure artist again; but the phase must be passed through; and it is, after all, only a defect of his quality.
The gardener who is never tempted by difficulties is likely to be dull of spirit. If he is always content with easy plants, he will soon be con-tent to grow them badly. He must have his season of rebellion against Nature if he is not to become her submissive slave.

The games of gardeners change from time to time. A generation or more ago, their favorite game was to grow flowers for exhibition, and to make them conform to the rather arbitrary standards set up by the judges. This game still continues, but it is no longer fashionable, except when it is played with roses. The modern gardener who is ambitious prefers plants that are difficult in themselves to plants that are made difficult by human rules. His object is to keep a plant alive, not to make it produce flowers of artificial perfection. This new game is better than the old one in several respects. It does not encourage a false taste; it exercises higher faculties and it increases our knowledge of the craft of gardening. There was a great deal of routine in the growing of flowers for exhibition. There is none in the growing of difficult plants. Success can come only with experiment and observation, and not merely with painstaking. Besides, many plants that were once considered difficult can now be grown quite easily with a little care, because of the knowledge that has been gained through experiment; and we may hope that other plants still very difficult will become easy with further knowledge. Most of the difficult plants which gardeners now try to grow are very beautiful, though sometimes their beauty may be over-valued because of their difficulty, and since they are so difficult, the gardener is not tempted to grow them in unnatural conditions that would destroy their beauty. He annot play tricks with the higher Alpines. He cannot use them for carpet bedding, as gardeners of the past used stonecrops and house leeks. He must grow them among the rocks which suit their beauty best, and they will soon appropriately die if they are planted among rocks arranged to look like tombstones. In fact, the growing of difficult plants, if it is not art, does at least give the gardener a reverence for nature. It is like those arduous studies from life which the artist must undergo if he is not to become a vapid idealist. It may result in mere ugliness, but that ugliness will at least be more interesting than the old ugliness of dull routine.

That a passion for difficult plants need not destroy the sense of beauty is proved by the latest book of Mr. Reginald Farrer, who is certainly possessed of that passion, but who would scorn to grow a plant only because it was difficult. Mr. Farrer's exhibits at the Temple show are well known, and they prove him to have taste as well as skill. He can take the keenest pleasure in quite easy plants if they are beautiful, and he has very strong views on garden design. But he is also a fanatical lover of certain plants like Eritrichium nanum and the high Androsaces, which no one has yet induced to put up with our climate; so fanatical a lover that no amount of failures will make him despair of them. In this book he tells us that Eritrichium nanum promises better in his garden than ever before; indeed, he almost persuades both himself and us that it means to live. But, even if it has survived this summer, there is the winter now upon us, and, so far as we know, Eritrichium nanum has never survived an English winter out of doors.

It would be easy to tell Mr. Farrer that he is wasting his time in trying to grow it; but in . attempting this impossibility he is learning much about possibilities, and his passion for the fairy forget-me-not is justified by its beauty. The Swiss themselves call it the King of of the Alps, and they are not apt to express much enthusiasm for their flowers, perhaps because they have so many of them. There is something magical about the fairy forget-menot. It looks as if it belonged to a world never trodden by the heavy feet of men, for who would expect to find on a grey mossy tuft flow-

s of a blue that could not be imagined even from the sky? It is famous not only for its beauty, but as the type of a certain class of difficult plants, the most hopeless class of all. Some difficult plants are capricious; no one knows for certain what they want, and there is always a hope that their wants may be discovered and their culture become easy. Eritrichium nanum is not capricious. It only wants what the English gardener cannot give it-the pure air of the high Alps, continual moisture all its short growing season, and for the rest of the year the unchanging Alpine winter. It, like the higher Androsaces, has adapted itself to grow in certain places, and it will thrive nowhere else. It has also got its peculiar beauty from this adaptation—that beauty which tempts some gardeners like the Siren's song, but to its own destruction, not theirs. Some have vainly hoped to make it thrive among par-

ticular kinds of rock, others give elaborate directions about soil or the arrangement of rocks about it; but no such devices will persuade it that an English garden is in the high Alps. It. learns the truth from the weather, and, having

There are other plants besides the high Alpines that are hardy but will not put up with our climate; and some of these have as desperate admirers as Eritrichium nanum itself. Among them are the Oncocyclus Irises, famous both because of their curious beauty, and because no one has ever made them thrive for long in an English garden. Most of them are mountain plants from Asia Minor; and in our summers they do not get as much sun as they need. This seems to be the simple cause of their refusal to prosper; but they are more capricious than the fairy forget-me-not, sometimes luring the gardener on by an appearance of contentment, and then suddenly dying, just when he flatters himself that he has learnt the secret of their wants. Many directions have been given for growing them; but the English summer remains the same; and even in a frame they do not like it. The commonest of them, Iris susiana, has been known to flourish and to flower well from year to year in an English garden. It was known to Parkinson in the 17th

century, and he called it the Great Turkie way. Lilium auratum will very seldom last for Flowerdeluce. He says nothing of its culture; many years in an English garden, and the reaand even after the experience of three centuries it is unaccountable, living on for years, but refusing to flower after the first. A very hot summer may give it new vigor and set it flowering again the next year, but that is only a lucky chance. Most of the other Oncocyclus Irises, such as the wonderful Iris lorteti, are unusually complaisant if they consent to live in a frame. It is not merely protection from frost or wet that they want, but the natural heat of sun and, perhaps, its bright light. Artificial heat they dislike more than cold. Yet they, too, like the high Alpines, have their fanatics who will not believe that they are impossible; and they have this value, that they can be crossed with other irises more easy to grow. So that hybrids are being produced with their curious beauty, but without their peevishness.

There are other difficult plants that come from climates not hopelessly different to ours, but are so impatient of removal that often they never recover from it. This impatience seems to be the secret of the difficulty of many lilies. The little lilium philadelphicum is said not to thrive even when it is removed to a garden near where it grows wild; and several other North American lilies are difficult in the same

son probably is that it never gets over the shock of transportation. Its first year it lives upon the past, but though it may flower well, its roots are so much damaged that it has not the strength to take in enough nourishment for the future. It may last on for some years, but the rest of its life is a slow decline. Other Japanese lilies, such as the wonderful Lilium krameri, suffer even more. If we are ever to establish these in our gardens, we shall probably have to grow them from seed and plant them out without disturbance of their roots. Many lilies seem to be capricious, they thrive or fail to thrive in much the same places. Their fate probably depends upon the amount of injury they have suffered in removal. This is the case, too, with other plants that often fail in our gardens, such as the Shortias, Epigaea repens, and Schizocodon soldanelloides. They are imported from countries with climates not very different to our own, but, if their roots are much damaged in the process, they are likely never to recover. When once established they live and thrive without much care, and will even, it is said, increase by self-sown seed-Thus it is likely that in time these beau-

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into an enclosure for the breeding season, and then treated the same as the pullets. The cockerels are also put in a separate enclosure till 12 or 14 weeks old, when they are sold for broilers.

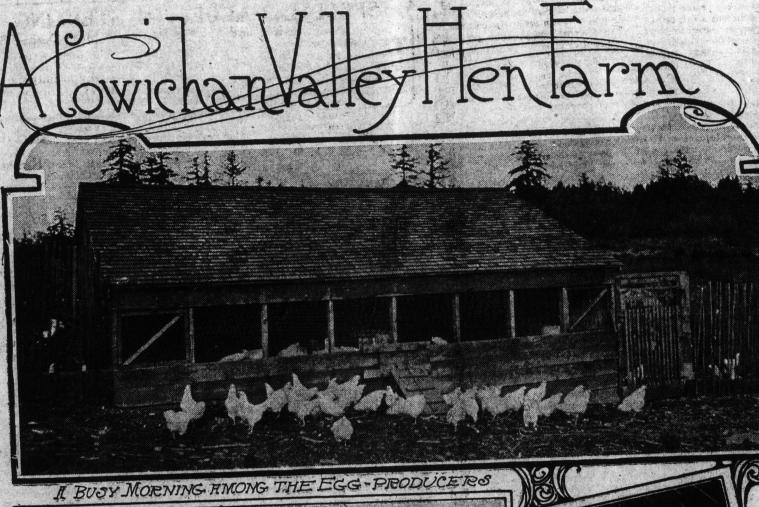
Eggs are brought every year from the same strain, but of unrelated blood, to produce the next year's breeding cockerels. The duce the next year's breeding cockerels. houses need only be visited twice a day, once at 2 p. m. to let the birds out, feed grain, fill up boxes or hoppers with dry and beef scraps, water and clean out, and again at dusk to shut them up and gather the eggs. Plenty of straw litter must be supplied for scratching in. In extra cold weather a burlap curtain may be suspended from the room to within a foot of the front of the dropping boards. This will keep the birds' combs from freezing. In order to clean the range systematically, one acre may be fenced in with wire netting each year and grubbed up and seeded down with oats and clover.

When egg collecting stations and cold storage facilities are provided, the profits will be much larger still, as the eggs can be marketed to much greater advantage. The writer has made a clear average profit per bird: 1906-7, \$2.70; 1907-8, \$3.20; 1908-9, \$3.75. This includes eggs sold for hatching and sales of breeding birds. The whole flock of 302 layers produced \$2,200 worth of eggs and birds, making a clear profit of about \$1,600. This does not include my labor nor sinking fund for wear and tear.

The following statement of capital required to establish a plant for 500 layers, of running expenses from incubation of the egg to the close of the first laying period, and of the probable profit therefrom, is based upon figures ascertained within the past four years in lishing a poultry plant on a commercial

establishing a poultry plant on a commercial scale, and is capable of easy verification:
Permanent Capital— \$ 500 Land, 5 acres, at \$100
\$1,957
Running Expenses— \$1,055 Feed
Cost of eggs for incubating for two season, 3,600 at \$80 per 1,000 288
\$8,454
Estimate of Profit for First Twenty Months— March-October.
Sales— 2,065 Biggs—150 per bird at 35c per doz. 2,065 Birds—1,000 cockerels at 30c each 300 400 yearlings at 50c éach 200 100 pullets at \$1.50 each 150
\$2,716
Stock on Hand at Close of Account— 100 yearlings at 50c
Deduct running expenses as above
Surplus available for interest on capital, de- prectation of plant, wages, and 2 or 3 per cent losses Estimate of Annual Profit from Established
Plant.
Sales— 21,652 Eggs from 400 pullets, 160 per bird 150 Birds—500 cockerels at 30c 150 100 two-year-old hens at 50c 50 300 year-old hens at 50c 150 100 pullets at \$1.50 150
82,152
Stock on Hand at Close of Account— 100 yearlings at 50c
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Deduct— Cost of running: Feed
Incubating expenses
Stock on hand at opening of accounts, as
above

Surplus\$1,125 It may be observed that no credit is taken for eggs laid by the 100 yearling birds, it being assumed that they are all reserved for incubating on the farm, or sold at special rates for hatching. Conversely, no charge is made under "Cost of running" for eggs used in in-cubating. The proceeds of any such eggs sold are an addition to the surplus, the keep of the birds being already provided for.



INTERIOR OF BROODER HOUSE E-T-HANSON'S POULTRY PANCH

ERNEST T. HANSON'S POULTRY RANCH, COWIGHAN, B.C.

By Ernest T. Hanson, Cowichan Station. Hitherto the Cowichan Valley has been famous for its butter. Many are now turning their attention to fruit. The writer claims that its staple product ought to be, and will

EGGS

The reasons why: Because 1st. Hens will produce here more clear profit per acre than either cows or fruit,

with less capital invested. and. There are large areas of land in the district eminently suitable for poultry raising and fit for little else. These have been slashed, logged and burnt over and seeded down to clover, and can be bought for from \$40 to \$100 per acre. The stumps and ferns make an ideal range, affording shelter from hawks and plenty of shade, most important points. Hens

do not required cleared land. The climate is exceptionally favorable, being very mild and equable, without extremes of heat and cold; wonderfully free from cold winds in winter, and much less subject to fogs and mists than the Mainland or Sound cities. The rainfall is heavy, but does not affect fowls in the least. They do quite as well, if not better than in California.

4th. The prices for eggs are the highest on the continent, and the market is almost unlimited, and expanding all the time. British

Columbia imports \$200,000 worth of eggs every year. Last January there was a famine of eggs for a month. The Yukon is a large market in itself. A growing new country always outruns its supply of eggs, because it is the last thing anyone thinks of going in for. It is generally supposed to be beneath notice as a business. The prices for table birds are

also good.
5th. Clover grows luxuriantly everywhere. Hens can range out on it practically all the year round. The Pacific Coast is the only place in Canada or the Northern States where this is possible. It is an enormous advantage. 6th. The transportation facilities are very

7th. Many men of moderate means are coming here looking for a home and a business in the open air. They want congenial surroundings, light work, and a mild climate. Here is the business for them. Here is one of the finest climates in the world. Here is a community of very high social standing in one of the loveliest spots one could wish for.

Compare It With Petaluma, Cal. Petaluma is a sheltered valley, a short way north of San Francisco. It is the greatest egg-producing place in the world. United States government statistics credit it with one million hens (mostly white leghorns), bringing \$4,000 a day profit to their wners. Ninety per cent

of the population go in for poultry. Why should not Cowichan do the same? Advantages Possessed by Cowichan Over Petaluma

Heat in summer not so great. Extreme heat kills chickens. Colder in winter. Cold wards off disease. Prices for eggs higher. Cost of feed lower. Frozen wheat and screenings from the prairie provinces. Green clover to be had all the year round. Irrigation not needed. Ideal poultry range to be bought comparatively cheap. The profits per bird per year here are \$2.00 to \$2.50; the profits per bird per year there are \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The following system is recommended by the writer: A flock of 500 layers can be run on 5 acres (or 100 birds per acre) by the "colony house" system. White leghorns are the most profitable for this system. They are the easiest to rear and keep in good condition for laying. They are more alert to take cover from hawks. They eat less and can be run successfully in larger flocks than the American or larger breeds. Have everything ready by March 15. Start the incubators with eggs bought from a first-class laying strain. cubators and breeder house are absolutely necessary to success. Place the growing pullets out in small open-fronted colony houses for the summer, if possible near running water, and plenty of ferns for shade. When ready to lay, put them in permanent openfronted houses with 100 birds in each, or in smaller houses on skids, which can be moved about from place to place. The layers are kept shut in until 2 p.m. in the summer time to prevent laying out. The breeders are wired

MAKING NEW ROSE PLANTS.

Where we get heavy frosts in winter, the best time to propagate hardy roses is in the fall—late October or November—after the wood has ripened and the leaves have fallen. Make cuttings about six inches long; tie them in bundles of about fifty for convenience in handling, and store for the winter in boxes of damp sand, which may be stored in a deep, cold-frame, or cool cellar, where they will be protected from frost. If these conveniences are not at hand, bury the cuttings out of doors in sand, putting them at least eighteen inches deep, and give them a further protection from the frost of a thick mulch of leaves or pine needles. While the cold winter days are passing, these cuttings will be callousing, i.e., making a granular growth over the lower end, from which the new roots start. In April, as soon as the ground can be worked, plant these cuttings V-shaped trenches, leaving only one bud above the ground. Ninety per cent of these cuttings will root. When making the cuttings, remember that roots are more easily produced when the cuts are made just under a bud. If you are going to propagate from roses under glass, do the work in January and use only flowering wood for making the cuttings. Take the last six eyes on the stem for the cuttings, making them two or three eyes long; put the cuttings in sand on the cutting bench, in a ehouse having a temperature of 55 to 58 degrees. A warmer temperature is liable to cause the buds to start. Have a bottom heat of about 70 degrees.

DIFFICULT PLANTS.

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tiful plants may all become familiar to our gardens through the efforts of gardeners who have refused to be discouraged by their difficulty, just as Gentiana verna, which was thought a most difficult plant a generation ago, is now to be seen thriving in many rock gardens.

There are some plants, however, that seem to be altogether capricious. In one garden they will thrive like weeds, in another close by, they will hardly consent to live at all. The best known of these is the Madonna Lily. Two others are the Gentianella and Tropaeolum speciosum. In some places the Madonna Lily will stand any ill usage, but where it suffers from disease or deteriorates quickly, great care should be taken with it. Like most lilies it has roots that persist from year to year and do not die when the stalk withers. If these roots are damaged, the bulb is weakened. It is also at rest only for a very short time, and should be disturbed if at all, only at that time, and then very carefully, so that the roots may not be injured. Again, like most lilies, it is a gross feeder, and often suffers from lack of nourishment. It must not have manure close to the bulb, but in poor soils it benefits from a top dressing of well rotted manure put on every year when it is in flower. Again, like many lilies, it dislikes a bare spot, and should be grown among the leafage of herbaceous plants, or close to vigorous roses. It also likes lime in the soil. The Gentianella, a very old plant in our gardens, is equally capricious. In some places no ill-treatment injures it. In others, though given every luxury, it refuses to flower for years. It may be seen both thriving and sulking, in almost every kind of soil and climate. Except where it grows like a weed, it hates to be disturbed and Mr. Farrer remarks that it is useless to attempt to grow it on from small fragments. "You can never hope to enjoy it unless you start its culture straight away with a sound solid mass of it." Also it should be well watered and top-dressed with vegetable soil the first summer after planting. Then, when once it has made some strong growth both of roots and tufts, it may be left alone, and will often flower well year after year. As for Tropaeolum speciosum, it is the most capricious plant of all, and no one understands its caprices. great care it can be induced to grow and flower a little in gardens that it does not like, but it is scarcely worth growing at all unless it thrives magnificently. Many are the directions that have been given for its culture, but you may follow all of them, and yet fail with it, if it takes a dislike to your part of the country.

Mr. Farrer speaks of Daphne eneorum as the most incalculable of all plants. If you succeed with it, he says, your success is always a matter of divine chance, and, indeed, of two plants, with nothing to choose between them, and planted side by side, in the same soil, one will thrive and one slowly die. It is not even certain whether in our gardens it likes lime or hates it. If it does not take kindly to your garden, your best chance with it will be to grow it where it where its roots can run under a rock but where it will have plenty of room to increase by means of suckers. Let the soil be deep and one half leaf mould, and layer every shoot under a little stone as soon as it is long enough to be layered. If you do this, the shoots will spread into a large and vigorous bush. You can also increase it by means of rooted layers, and if these are potted up for a time, and then planted out without disturbance, they will usually prosper. The plant is worth any amount of trouble, both for its beauty and for its wonderful scent. It likes an open situation, not too hot or dry, and protection from north and east winds. The white Daphne blagayana, usually considered more difficult, likes to be almost smothered in stones. No doubt both these plants in their mountain homes are always having stones and soil washed down on them, and have learned to like it.

There are some difficult plants that seem to have got a high reputation only because of their difficulty. Most adventurous gardeners have known the disappointment of discovering, after they have made a difficult plant prosper, that it was not worth the trouble. The best course in that case is to pull it up and have done with it. There is no room in any garden for plants that are not worth growing. However much you may delight in the game of gardening, you should never make it an ugly

game.

TO INCREASE THE PRICE OF OR-CHARD FRUITS

By W. J. L. Hamilton, S. Salt Spring Island. Although apple growing in the province of British Columbia is not without profit, orchardists are not by any means realizing all they could, if the disabilities from which they at present suffer were remedied.

There is no system in marketing. It is true there are many co-operative associations to handle their produce, but, from their very number, they partly stultify their own ends, for, as each separate association works independently of its neighbors, they are bound to interfere with one another, flooding the market from time to time, thereby cutting prices. They are also hampered by the faulty grading of the fruit, the same brand varying very greatly in quality according to the varying ideas and varying honesty of the individual growers.

Even if the apples are repacked by the association, each local association has its own grading standard, so that the ultimate purchaser does not know what he is buying without opening each box. This variation cuts prices and damages the reputation of the fruit grown in the province. Again, a number of small associations not only cost more to run than one large one would, but they are not capitalized sufficiently to be able to afford sufficient storage capacity to hold their fruit for top market

Hence they have to sell the fruit almost as

soon as it comes in, so it is all placed on the market at once, whereby it does not realize anything like its full value.

If, then, an orchardist desires to hold his fruit, he has to go to the expense of building his own place of storage, where the fruit is very seldom kept under best conditions, thereby involving much loss.

Small associations, too, handling comparatively little material, cannot buy their boxes as low as if they were ordering by the million, nor can they make terms with transportation companies, nor with wholesale agents. Another menace to the apple industry is the certainty that, sooner or later, the interests of the cooperative association will clash with those of the wholesale merchants, unless these associations agree amongst themselves to sell only through wholesale merchants, thus working hand in hand with them, and obviating the otherwise inevitable price-cutting.

These difficulties can be easily overcome if the fruit growers of the province will only pull together, first learn what they want, and then see that they get it. The means I suggest for surmounting all these troubles at once has been frequently ventilated by me, but the vital importance of the issues at stake is a sufficient excuse for reiterating them without apology.

To secure uniform grading throughout the ovince, a central school should be established to teach this, and the pupils from this, once they have obtained their diploma for fruit grading and packing, should be sent out as foremen to the different local packing stations to be established throughout the fruit growing sections of the Province.

These local stations need only consist of a shed in which the packers could work sheltered from sun and rain. The fruit, roughly graded in the orchards by the growers, could placed in convenient sized boxes and conveyed in spring wagons to the packing sta-tions, there to be disposed of.

Or, if the orchards were large enough to warrant it, the gang of packers should. proceed to the orchards and do their packing on

These gangs of packers should be composof the children of the fruit growers of the ighborhood, who would be paid so much per box, and at the same time receive a training which would leave a permanent mark on the fruit growing industry of the Province. This would also eliminate any possible dishonesty due to the grower boxing his

As a check on the foreman, inspectors could be appointed to drop in on the stations, just as school inspectors do, and see that the work was being properly done, and accounts of the output of each orchard properly kept. The apple boxes should each be stamped with an official stamp, showing the district, the grade and name of apple, and the number in the box. Besides this, it should have the packers' number

Once the fruit is properly boxed it should sent to a central depot there to be kept in cold storage till the market was favorable. At this point there should be an evaporating plant also, where all apples of No. 3 grade and below should be converted into evaporated apples, so that the No. 3 grade should be withdrawn from the market, where it has no right to exist, and be sold at a price which would be much more remunerative to the grower.

This would also treat the culls, at present usually fed to pigs, and the profit from these at present waste sources would go far to pay the total expenses of working this scheme. Of course, to do all this, it would be necessary to centralize all these scattered co-operative associations under one head, which should regulate all sales, thereby avoiding flooding the market. This central association should also purchase all boxes, treat with transportation companies, appoint agents in the markets of the world, and act for the local associations generally, consolidating their interests and effecting many economies otherwise unattain-

But this central association is the weak ink in the chain, since something of the kind has already been attempted, and has met with

But who, after all, has the greatest interest in fostering the apple industry, and who will reap the most profit from it? Not the fruit growers but the Provincial Government, for, whereas the fruit growers only get increased price for their fruit, the government obtains increased population, besides building up the good name of the province as the best fruit growing country on earth. They too could run this system at once more authoritatively and economically than any less powerful fruit growers parliament such as the central asso-

ciation would be, could do. They also have more capital in hand to establish the cold storage and other costly branches of the system, and could better treat

with transportation companies, etc. Besides they could by this means reduce the expense of fruit and orchard inspection, and could combine under one system the fruitgrowing, dairying, and poultry industries of the province.

All these economies would reduce the working cost and place more money in the growers' pockets, even if, as it should be, the first charge on the cost of the fruit was the cost of placing it on the market. I maintain that the reduction in the cost of boxes, ordered by the million, and the removal of No. 3 grade fruit from the market, with the increased price realised by these, and the culls, at present a dead loss, when sold as evaporated apples would pay the running cost of the whole system and leave a margin over, which, together with the greatly enhanced price of the first placed on the market under the most favorable conditions would nearly double the fruit growers' profit per acre, besides settling up the country, and, by the increased amount of capital and population, develop all the in-

That the methods above suggested to at-

tain the desired results are sound has been already proved at Hood River, Oregon.

Here, in a small valley, by similar methods, the prices realised have been nearly trebled, and the fruit grown has attained such a high standard as to have a world wide reputation. If this has been done on a small scale with such amazing results, what is to be expected if the whole Province of British Columbia combines to attain these objects? Surely the greatness of the results will be commensurate with the magnitude of the undertaking, and will give us a status unique in the history of pomology.

CONCERNING EGGS.

By Walker & Kerr, Poultrymen, 1017 Bur-

dette Avenue, Victoria. As eggs are now at what are called fancy prices, a few words on this subject may not be amiss. Dissatisfaction is often expressed at the small size of eggs, and when a customer pays 70 cents a dozen for eggs that are only a mouthful no wonder that he or she thinks it is a fancy price. Now it is as easy to improve the size of eggs as it is to improve the size of apples; and any poultryman could soon raise chickens that would lay eggs as large as duck's eggs if it were his interest to do so. But his interest lies exactly in the opposite direction. It takes large birds to lay large eggs and as chickens, like other animals, eat in proportion to their size, when a poultryman who keeps Brahmas, or Orpingtons, finds that his feed bill is double the size of his neighbors who keeps Leghorns, whilst he gets no more for his large eggs than his neighbor does for his small eggs, he naturally discards his fowls and goes in for a small breed that eats little, and lays a large number of small eggs. The remedy lies in the altering the system of selling eggs. Why should eggs be sold by number any more than apples or potatoes? The weight of medium sized eggs is two ounces each, eight to the pound, and if eggs were sold by weight customers would be better satisfied, as the weight of the eggs would not matter to them, and the poultryman would be encouraged to improve the breed of his poultry.

PRUIT THINNING

By K. R. Streatfield, Saanich.

your issue of Sunday, December 12th, you invite correspondence on the subject of fruit thinning. This is a most necessary practice with nearly all varieties of apples, pears and plums, with the exception of a few varieties that are naturally shy bearers. It is advisable to thin to enable the tree to produce fair-sized marketable fruit and also to prevent the formation of a habit of bearing enormously one year and a few specimens the next. Young trees will often bear good specimens without thinning, but as they get older, thinning the fruit is as necessary as pruning spraying or cultivating if one wishes for fruit to put on the market. I was under the impression that there could be no dispute about this subject. I may add that thinning works in very well with some small fruits as at slack times or on damp days.

When working at all high up the thinned fruit should be thrown over the shoulder away from the tree, because if dropped through the tree it will very likely bruise other

VASE FORM OF TRAINING FRUIT TREES

By W. J. L. Hamilton, South Salt Spring. Throughout British Columbia, fruit trees have in the past, all been trained in pyramid form. Even today I expect severe criticism for advocating any other method. But I have been the victim of this style of training in my own orchard, and I hereby place myself on record as declaring that, unless for fillers, I shall never set out another pyramid trained tree. In future my trees will all be trained to the

By the terms "pyramid" and "vase training" I do not allude to dwarf trees, but to full sized standards, trained as the French train

their dwarfs. With the pyramid form I find too many apples grown in the shade, and consequently lacking in color. Moreover, such trees are costly to prune and spray, and the cost of gathering the fruit is much heavier than with the vase trained tree, to say nothing of the damage done by ladders, used not only for gathering the ripe fruit, but for pruning and thinning also.

One objection made to the vase method of training is the difficulty of cultivating close to the tree stem, when, as is indispensable for best results, the tree is headed low, branching at about 15 inches from the ground.

But when a pyramid tree is loaded with fruit the branches hang even lower, and are much harder to cultivate under and the objection is obviated any way by the new orchard cultivating implements, which are given side draft sufficient to reach the stem, whilst the team works clear of the branches.

Again, they object, that this is an unnatural form for the tree. Is it?. I think most apple trees, if left to themselves, will more nearly approach the vase than the pyramid

Another objection urged against the vase form is that the winter snows will break it down. So they undoubtedly would if we did not take precautionary measures. To avoid this, whilst they are young we temporarily hold the branches secure by tarred varn. Once the branches are strong enough we take galvanized screw eyes and insert one into each branch, on the inside, 10 feet above the ground. Next we take No. 13 galvanized wire and attach a sufficient length of wire to each of these screw eyes. We then attach all the free ends of these wires to a galvanized har-

right in the centre of the cup formed by the branches. By this means all the branches support each other, so that no snow can hurt the tree, nor can any wind shake off the fruit.

All pruning, gathering fruit, etc., can be done by running a suitable plank right through the centre of the tree, just above the wires, the outer ends of the plank being supported on stepladders or trestles.

Much could be said about training, etc., but it could not be done justice to in a short article. Another time, I may have something to say on these matters.

FRUIT THINNING.

By W. J. L. Hamilton, South Salt Spring. I notice a request in your Sunday is sue for experiences in fruit thinning. I have

practised this for years, and can endorse all the claims for the process that you mention in Some apples shed so many of their fruit naturally that the work is rendered easy, whilst others, of which Salome is a notable ex-

ample, hang on to their fruit so persistently that, if not rigorously thinned, very few of the fruit will grow to marketable size. The rule for thinning is so to do it that no two apples will touch one another when fully grown. This gives each apple scope to grow to its full size, and does not overload the tree. Also it insures better colored fruit, as the sun has better access; and the fruit are more even in size, more vigorous in growth and consequent-

ly more disease-resisting. Unthinned apple trees will generally only bear a full crop every second year, simply because the quantity of seed produced (for seed rather than fruit saps the energy of the tree), so exhausts the tree that it needs a season to rest and recuperate. With properly thinned trees, the weight of apples produced will be greater than if this operation is not performed, owing to the increased size of the fruit, whilst the number of seeds formed will be reduced, by the thinning process, to a point which will not unduly strain the tree's vitality, so a good crop may be expected every year, unless other causes prevent this. Moreover, where two apples touch, spray cannot reach this point: also, the skin being more tender at the point of contact, this is where the chief injury by insects is found, generally affecting both the apples, where they touch, and distortion of the fruit is often caused by pressure. The market at present calls for a red apple, and, on the coast, at any rate, to produce this, every beam of sunshine available must be utilized, since, with the amount of water vapor in suspension in the air, the sun's rays have not the same power they have in the dry belt. Now, fruit thinning prevents the apples shading one another, and, naturally, the blush caused by the sun has a better chance to develop. This is also one of the many reasons why the vase system of training orchard trees is rapidly coming into favor, and displacing the older pyramid form.

My present trees are trained as pyramids, but never again will I plant one that I cannot train in vase form. All the above applies to

THINNING OF FRUIT.

By James Simpson, Victoria. This is one of the most important operations in connection with fruit culture, and is beneficial to all fruits, but especially so to pears, plums, and peaches. All first-class growers practice it thoroughly, and find good profit in doing so. The writer once saw 30,000 barrels of Nova Scotian apples sold in Liverpool, the bulk of which averaged \$3 per barrel, but whenever a little extra quality in size was shown, the price ran up to \$4 and often to \$5 per barrel.

If the orchard trees are not allowed to get too high, the operation is a very simple one, and can be done in a few minutes per tree. Not more than two apples should be left on a spur. Where the spurs are very thick, one fruit per spur is quite sufficient.

The operation should be done when the fruit is quite small, as by this means the full strength of the tree goes into what is left; where this thinning is combined with good cultivation, such as pruning, cleaning, manuring and airation of soil, the results are almost marvellous. The writer has seen in South Wales, near Cardiff, trees treated thoroughly by the Marquis of Butes' gardener, bearing pears nine inches in length, being the finest for size, quality and crop, he ever saw, beating the famous orchards of Kent, including even the famous Mr. Bunyard's, Maidstone, Kent, which the writer had the pleasure of inspecting, and seeing the same variety of pear. There is no doubt whatever of the capacity of Vancouver Island to grow first class apples, and plenty of them, but to do so, growers must do as indicated above. Good people want the best quality of fruit, and are quite willing to pay for it. ome three weeks ago, I told one of our leading ranchers as above, and where I had seen his fruit was neglected in respect of thinning, his answer was that he had not time to go over 1,100 trees. Well, I said, you must find time, or get some one else to do it for you, as it is the only way to make your place pay, as you would get a better market and much better prices, and would never have any trouble in selling. The promised Experimental farm for Vancouver Island should be a great power for good, if it is properly handled by a competent party. All the kinds of fruit trees mentioned should be thinned out same as recommended for apples.

ORCHIDS FOR NORTH EXPOSURES.

The following orchids may be grown in a greenhouse with a northern exposure. In a cool house, one having a temperature of 50 to 60 degrees: Cattleya citrina, Coelogyne cristata, Epidendrum vitellinum, Lycaste Deppii., Miltonia candida, M. Morelliana; Odontoglossum crispum, O. Insleayi, O. maculatum, O. pulness ring, which is thereby held supported chellum, and O. Rossii, var. majus; Oncidium the East.

flexuosum, O. incurvum, O. ornithorhynchum, and O. tigrinum; Sophronitis grandiflora, and Vanda Amesiana. In a temperature of 60 or 70 degrees grow Aerides in variety; Angraecum sesquipedale, coelogynes, such as C. Dayana, massangeana, tomentosa; cymbidiums in variety; Laelia purpurata, Miltonia Roezlii; Oncidium Cavendishjanum, Carthaginense, luridum, and splendidum; Peristeria elata, Pescatorea cerinea, Bollea in variety h(tis is also known as Zygopetalum), Phajus in variety. Phalaenopsis in variety, Saccolabium in variety, Trichopilia in variety, Vanda tricolor, var. suavis, and nearly all cypripediums except possibly insigne, although it will often grow well in such an exposure.

PROPAGATING EXOCHORDA

The pearl bush (Exochorda grandiflora) is increased either by seeds, layers or cutting Seeds are produced, as a rule, only on an old or unpruned plants. The shrub is valued for its strings of white flowers. To produce these, the plants are pruned in May shortly after flowering and before the seeds are ripe, in order to induce the plants to produce an abundance of young flowering shoots. If seeds cannot be obtained, make layers in June. As a rule, it is difficult to get cuttings to root Should you prefer this method, you will have the best success if the work is done under glass. Put plants in heat in the greenhouse during the winter several weeks before propagation is to be done. For cuttings, usee soft wood and insert them in sand which has a strong bottom heat and cover with a frame or bell glass in order to maintain a close atmosphere. Occasionally, cuttings are grafted on pieces of old wood.

FEEDING ROSES

The best way to feed old established rose plants is by trenching the ground just outside of the old trench lines. The plants will not show the results as quickly as when surface dressings of manure are given or the ground watered with manure water, but the effect is much more lasting. If it is not practical to trench feeding may be accomplished by giving the beds a 4 or 5-inch dressing of well decayed manure and spading it under. Then after the leaf buds open and just before a rain give a dressing of bone meal. About the middle of May commence watering the bed with liquid manure, giving it once a week. There is only one drawback to this method, it brings the roots of the roses to the surface.

WEALTHY CRANKS

That possession of much of the world's goods is frequently attended by the manifestation of the weirdest eccentricities on part of the owners is amusingly illustrated by the fol-

lowing curious instances: Vienna there lives a wealthy man, a Pole of noble origin, occupying sumptuous apartments in the heart of the capital's fashionable quarter, who, when he wishes to summon his servants, does so by means of bugle calls. A favorite pastime of this eccentric is to drive an omnibus, attired like any ordinary driver of such a vehicle, wherever he may find

aristocratic equipages to be most numerous. The Viennese assert that, while he spends a fortune each year upon clothes, yet he is never clad in any save the discarded garments of his valet. On one occasion the Pole astounded the guests at a ball by appearing in a costume of pure white, with the notable exception of shirt and tie, which were entirely black. To complete the oddities, it may be added that which he invariably when dining alone at a table d'hote, he maintains his reputation for crankiness by reversing the usual order of things and beginning his meal with a

demitasse, working backward to the soup. It was not long ago that there died in an American town a wealthy eccentric, who, though he had never for years been outside the grounds surrounding his residence, was accustomed to boast each day that he had walked to certain towns, generally at a great distance from his house. What he actually did was this: Whenever he decided that it would be an excellent idea to visit a distant town he as certained its exact distance from his home and covered it on foot on a carefully measured walking track maintained on his premises for this purpose. Should he desire to call on his friends near by, he would do so by proxy, at the same time conducting a conversation with them by means of the servants whom he sent in relays with certain questions, with strict injunctions to bring the answers as speedily as possible

A well known Parisian according to his own statement, has for many years defied the weather by drinking a solution of camphor, which, in his opinion, is an excellent substitute for clothing. It is said that winter and summer alike finds him sleeping without a particle of clothing, with the windows of his apartments thrown wide open. It has been his custom also to stroll in the garden, even on bitterly cold days, in a garment much resembling that ordinarily worn by normal people

only at night. Among the wealthy eccentrics of this country was a man who lived in a certain town in the south of England. His fad excited much attention and amusement among his neighbors. Punctually at noon each day he would appear in his front yard, with a crimson turban on his head, his feet covered with richly embroidered and jewelled sandals, and with coolie cloth round his waist. Then, absolutely indifferent to the hoots of the people in the street, he would first pray aloud to the sun, "the father of light and good," and immediately afterward prostrate himself before a quaint miniature temple wherein was enshrined a grotesque idol with diamond eyes. What made his eccentricity remarkable was the fact that he was not of Eastern origin, nor had he ever been converted to any religious faith or cult of

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LONDON, Dec. 20.-How the king's advisors in b may desire to keep his Maj the present crisis, they fin impossible. Many member impossible. Many member ministerialists whom the ministerialist driven by political nece sort of electoral allianc claiming against all form tary government, not ex Sovereign. Doubtless th Sovereign. Doubtless this Crewe, Colonial Secretary, his remarkable deliverance Saturday, defending the against extremists in their He said:

"It was asked, if they to the powers the Lords posse by the way, was not what the same of the corresponding to the same of the s

by the way, was not whe ernment proposed to do, abolish the Lords altoget George the Third might "If you are limiting the of the crown, why not a monarchy?" King George had prophetic wisdom not be a correctly to the reigness of the crown with the correctly to the reigness of the crown was also be a correctly to the reigness of the crown was also be a correctly to the reigness of the crown was also be a correctly to the reigness of the crown was also be a correctly to the reigness of the crown was also be a correctly to the crown was a correctly looked forward to the reis lustrious granddaughter grandson, and seen what greater thing the British had become. The crown had become. The crown universally recognized as haps the most indispensa the existence of Europe. It that he did not believe it possible or desirable to single chamber in this conce thing, it would entire character and compositio. House of Commons, and it see the Commons remain.

The speech of the Ear at Belfast on Saturday gr the minister, who declare alarmist. To counter the matter they are announcing immatracts for three Dreadnous livery in the spring of 19 the Mail, declare that Germous increase in naval which reached £22,000,00 1910, of which 10 3-4 min new warships/against UEn 1-4, also Germany's great ed shipbuilding capacity, by the British battleship two new keels to one for purposes. Germany, they be made to pause by En down twelve super-Dreadr year, with the 50 million being raised for the purposes are the Mail, declare that Ger

Unionist statesmen are ed with the gravity and us German menace that the tainly institute a bold an tainly institute a bold and programme upon return the only means of preser-ance of power in Europe ing Germany's fresh s France and German domi

First Election Janu It has finally been dec writs for the new elect issued January 8, allow first election on January There will again be sides of oratory this we quith will speak at Birke row and half a dozen min on the platform every nig Lloyd-George. The most novel featu

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sentiment, but impartia pear to regard the outle certain. The proximity has not slowed down Day and night cities and of the country are scen in political activity. O gramaphones are abroa tricts, and hoardings are electioneering posters.

Mr. Balfour's physici to speak at the Cons luncheon at Edinburgh Lord Charles Beresfo the Unionist candidate shire, says the two-r has been deserted and gained unless four other the British empire until the security of supplies and raw ma beyond all question,

incurvum. O. ornithorhynchum Sophronitis grandiflora, and In a temperature of 60 or Aerides in variety; Angraeale, coelogynes, such as C. Dayigeana, tomentosa; cymbidiums in rpurata. Miltonia Roezlii: hjanum, Carthaginense, lusplendidum; Peristeria elata, Pesnea, Bollea in variety h(tis is also Zygopetalum), Phajus in variety, s in variety, Saccolabium in varielia in variety, Vanda tricolor, var. nearly all cypripediums except posne, although it will often grow well exposure.

OPAGATING EXOCHORDA

earl bush (Exochorda grandiflora) is either by seeds, layers or cutting. produced, as a rule, only on an old or plants. The shrub is valued for its white flowers. To produce these, are pruned in May shortly after and before the seeds are ripe, in orluce the plants to produce an abunyoung flowering shoots. If seeds cantained, make layers in June. As a difficult to get cuttings to root. prefer this method, you will have success if the work is done under plants in heat in the greenhouse winter several weeks before propabe done. For cuttings, usee soft insert them in sand which has a om heat and cover with a frame or in order to maintain a close atmoscasionally, cuttings are grafted on

FEEDING ROSES

best way to feed old established rose by trenching the ground just outside trench lines. The plants will not results as quickly as when surface of manure are given or the ground with manure water, but the effect is ore lasting. If it is not practical to eding may be accomplished by giving a 4 or 5-inch dressing of well decayed and spading it under. Then after the open and just before a rain give a of bone meal. About the middle of mence watering the bed with liquid giving it once a week." There is only back to this method, it brings the the roses to the surface.

WEALTHY CRANKS

possession of much of the world's frequently attended by the manifestathe weirdest eccentricities on part of ers is amusingly illustrated by the folcurious instances:

ienna there lives a wealthy man, a noble origin, occupying sumptuous nts in the heart of the capital's fashuarter, who, when he wishes to sumservants, does so by means of bugle favorite pastime of this eccentric is an omnibus, attired like any ordinary such a vehicle, wherever he may find ratic equipages to be most numerous.

Viennese assert that, while he spends ne each year upon clothes, yet he is elad in any save the discarded garments valet. On one occasion the Pole astoundguests at a ball by appearing in a cospure white, with the notable excepshirt and tie, which were entirely black. mplete the oddities, it may be added that dining, which he invariably accomplishes at a table d'hote, he maintains his reputaor crankiness by reversing the usual or things and beginning his meal with a asse, working backward to the soup. was not long ago that there died in an ican town a wealthy eccentric, who, h he had never for years been outside the ds surrounding his residence, was acmed to boast each day that he had walked tain towns, generally at a great distance his house. What he actually did was Whenever he decided that it would be cellent idea to visit a distant town he asned its exact distance from his home and ed it on foot on a carefully measured ng track maintained on his premises for irpose. Should he desire to call on his s near by, he would do so by proxy, at me time conducting a conversation with

vell known Parisian according to his own nent, has for many years defied the ner by drinking a solution of camphor, , in his opinion, is an excellent substifor clothing. It is said that winter and er alike finds him sleeping without a cle of clothing, with the windows of his ments thrown wide open. It has been his m also to stroll in the garden, even on ly cold days, in a garment much resemthat ordinarily worn by normal people at night.

by means of the servants whom he sent

ays with certain questions, with strict in-

ons to bring the answers as speedily as

mong the wealthy eccentrics of this counras a man who lived in a certain town in outh of England. His fad excited much on and amusement among his neigh-Punctually at noon each day he would n his front yard, with a crimson turn his head, his feet covered with richly dered and jewelled sandals, and with ie cloth round his waist. Then, absoluteferent to the hoots of the people in the he would first pray aloud to the sun, ther of light and good," and immediateterward prostrate himself before a quaint ture temple wherein was enshrined a groe idol with diamond eyes. What made centricity remarkable was the fact that

as not of Eastern origin, nor had he ever converted to any religious faith or cult of

TOO RADICAL

barrassing

GERMAN SCARE

The steamer Aymeric of the Weir line left Manila on Monday for Hongkong en route here after loading 4,500 bales of hemp.

King Leopold's Fortune FUR MINIDIKY

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A French financier, who is familiar with the Congo and other business operations of the late King Leopold of Belgium, estimates the monarch's private fortune in excess of the \$3,000,000 bequeathed to the princesses at \$50,000,000. Lawyers here anticipate much litigation over the property.

Alian Liner Ashore.

HALIFAX, Dec. 21.—The Allan Liner Corinthian is still ashore on George's Island, but is not making water. One of the Allan firm is expected here tonight from Montreal. Four tugs having failed to move the ship at high water, a lot of the cargo will have to be lightered from her so that the boat may float. It is anticipated that this will take two or three days.

Bible in University.

TORONTO, Dec 21.—The special committee appointed to investigate and report upon the compilants made by the Hon. S. H. Blake and others with respect to the department of religious knowledge in the University of Toronto, and to the class of character of the present crisis, they find it almost impossible. Many members of the Labor and Socialistic parties, with whom the ministerialists have been driven by political necessities into a sort of electoral alliance, go on declaiming against all forms of hereditary government, not excluding the solvenge. Doubless this led Lord Crewe, Colonial Secretary, to make his remarkable deliverance at Stoke on Saturday, defending the ministry against extremists in their own party. He said:

"It was asked, if they took away all

Social Democracy the Hydra Feared By Conservative Germans

REICHSTAG PROGRAMME

ONLY BOGUS COUNT

It is now possible to indicate how the parties stand and in matter of candidatures. Uncornected constituencies will be fewer in number than for along time past. At the outside they will probably be 17, of which, 15 are represented by Unionists. Triangular contests will also be few. The Chronicle estimates that they will not exceed 20. In 30 constituencies will also be few. The Chronicle estimates that they will not exceed 20. In 30 constituencies Laborites and Unionists have a straight fight.

Speaking at Bridgeport Saturday Lord Milner said he had never been a scaremonger, but the great position won by England was being memaced more overly day. The future demanded the energy not only of the United Kingdom, but of the empire. Imperial unity was the great issue before which all others sank into inaignificance. What trace of this issue was there in the speeches of the Liberals? The Liberals were agreed on mothing except predatory, taxation and hostility to the Lords.

Mr. Churchilli, speaking at Warrington, laid stress on the unemployment for which palliation would be found in the Development Act, a scheme of instrance under consideration by the board of trade.

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Prosperous as Germany undoubtedly is, discontent is universally rife. The cost of living has been materially increased by the obnoxious taxes of the "Finance Reform" Bill. There is not a housewife in the Fatheriand who does not feel their pinch. The business world is angry and aroused over agrarian domination of government. It is an atmosphere in which Social Democracy thrives. The present Reichstag has only a year and a half to live. In 1911, unless events force it sooner, a dissolution will be necessary according to the constitution. So to conduct affairs in Imperial Germany that Socialism may not dominate the next Reichstag sufficiently to block supply for army and navy—to stop the very wheels of government itself—is the herculean problem to which Kaiser, Chancellor, and partles have now to dedicate themselves.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Official returnation issued by the labor department give the number of industrial accidents in Canada during November as 422, of which 143 were fatal. There were & trade disputes, a decrease from previous months.

North Bay Trapper Lost. NORTH BAY, Dec. 21.—John Main, 20 years old, who worked at the Tem-iko mills, 25 miles north of North Bay, all summer. left that place 10 days ago to set traps, and has not been seen or heard of since. He is supposed to have gone through an air hole in the ice and been drowned.

CANNOT LIVE IN BELGIUM

Late King Leopold's Morganatic Wite is some Los and Frontier

NEW SOVEREIGN CROWNED THURSDAY

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The controller of the Canadian Pacific Railway gave out a statement today to the offect that the gross revenue of the company for the year 1909, would be \$100,000,000, beating Mr. Fielding's estimate for the Dominion by \$5,000,000, Of this amount it is stated that eighty five millions will come from the railway, and \$15,000,000 from the steamers, hotels, etc.

MET DEATH IN THE FOG mes S. Hurst the Latest Victim Carelessness in Walking Tram-way Track. James S. Hurst, a Vancouver ac-countant, was struck by a Pender-

Powell car Monday evening and received injuries as the result of which Frovince in 1854.

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and valued at \$400, is not thus picetected.

Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning
Mr. Brooke, who has his rooms on the
top floor of the club house, was awakened by a crackling noise and found
his room filling with smoke. In the
airy garb of a tropical climate he
dashed downstairs and found the large
assembly hall in flames. He sprang
for the telephone and turned in an
alarm, and by that time was joined
by Caretaker Burgess. The two returned to the top floor and managed
to get the books of the club oit, but
that was the only part of the outfit
saved.

St. Louis Crooks Evolve Plan Changing \$200 Into \$220 By Clipping Notes.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—A scheme by which \$220 is made out of ten \$20 bank notes has been called to the attention of bankers here by the St. Louis officers of the United States

There remain nine complete bills and two portions of bills, each of which is more than three-fifths of a complete bill. The government redeems at full value a mutilated bill which is three fifths the proper size. By this means \$220 has been made out of \$200 in \$20 notes.

Man Hunt Ends in Death

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ABBEVILLE, La., Dec. 20.—A thrilling man hunt terminated yesterday afternoon near here when Roy O'Hara, a negro desperado, killed himself after a chase lasting since Tuesday, when the negro shot Officers Holly and Thomas. At the entrance to the Chota-whatchle swamp a cordon of 100 men surrounded the negro. Wounded, barefooted and tired he saw that escape was impossible and placing the barrel of his shotgun to his breast pushed the trigger with his big toe. His body was tied to a bugy and dragged to Abbeville and placed in the courthouse where it lay for several hours.

HILL CITY, Kas., Dec. 20.—Inability to obtain water because of frozen pipes caused a loss of \$75,000 from pipes ca

/ancouver Police Arrest Suspects, Who Are Not

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reason.

Although Adams, whom circumstances would indicate is one of the alleged counterfeiters, is safe behind the bars, the police have not relaxed their vigilance but are still trying to gather further evidence.

and was then forced to stand by and see the rest of his belongings go up in the bars, the standard of the packs which have been hauled out on the beach for the winter, but the little Aloha, one of the fast raters, we beached right slongside the chastroyed.

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AGAINST HIS PARTY

Lord St. Aldwyn Explains His Pesi-tion in Regard to Lloyd-George Budget.

tention of bankers here by the St. Louis officers of the United States secret service. A dozen or more of the altered notes have been received at the subtreasury.

This is the scheme, according to an employee of the subtreasury.

Ten \$20 bank notes are laid one on top of the other with a quarter-inch margin of each note showing at one end. All are then firmly held together, and by one stroke with soissors or a sharp knife, each note is divided into two parts, one of which is larger than the other. The pleces are then fitted together to make a note a trifle less than the regulation size. A piece of adhesive plaster fastens the two pieces.

There remain nine complete bills and two portions of bills, each of which is more than three-fifths of a complete bill. The government redeems at full value a mutilated bill which is three fifths the proper size. By this means \$220 has been made out of \$200 in \$250 notes.

Tion in Regard to Lloyd-George Budget.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Lord St. Ald-wyn, in a letter which is published this morning, says that he abstained from voting on Lord Lansdowne's resolution in the House of Lords on the budget because he did not wish to oppose his own side, but he saw nothing in the budget justifying its rejection by the House of Lords, nor revolutionary. At the same time he says he does not approve of the sudget, expressing the opinion that small duties on imports would be sounder finances.

Lord St. Aldyn's statement is likely to prove injurious of the Conservative side in the coming election.

Lord Rossbery writes to the Times complaining that neither the Liberals nor the Conservatives have yet indicated the lines on which they propose to reform the House of Lords. This he regards as a grave omission.

Water Pipes Were Frozen HILL CITY, Kas., Dec. 20.—Inability to obtain water because of frozen pipes caused a loss of \$75,000 from fire here early today.

DEATH OF FIFTY-EIGHTER Edward Cody Johnson Was Identified With Early History of British Columbia

An esteemed pioneer of Victoria where he first came close upon titty-two years ago there passed away on Sunday at his home, 565 John street, Rock Bay, Edward Cody Johnson, in his eighty-first year. Deceased was brn at Inistogue, County Waterford, Ireland. In 1858 he first arrived here, and shortly afterwards sailed on the Seabird for Hope, en route to the mines. His experiences were realets with the vicissitudes attendant on the lot of the hardy adventurers of early days. He made little money through mining but won the esteem and affection of everyone with whom he came in contact.

For many years past deceased had been a resident of Victoria. He first took over the management of the Heathorn tannery. Later he was a partner in the business of Johnson and McGirl, and subsequently was an efficient superintendent until his retiremen a short time ago. An incident in the career of the deceased was the fact that he not only was the first to have his name enrolled as a subscriber to the Colonist, but he actually received the first copy to come off the press.

The deceased gentleman is survived

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SALMON PACK

Official Summing Up Gives Output Province This Year as 967,200 Cases.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—The total salmon pack of Britsh Columbia for the year was 987,200 cases, according to official figures made up today. The total sockeye pack was \$40,441, made up in districts as follows: Fraser River, 542,248; Skeena, \$7,901; Rivers Inlet, \$9,021; Naas river, 28,246; outlying districts, 127,874.

Russian Officers Arrested ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—Colonel Zinovitoft and Colonel Systogol, of the quartermaster's department, were arrested today as a fesult of the recent investigation of the department, when irregularities involving more than a million dollars were discovered.

Vancouver Realty Sales.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—The northwest corner of Westminster avenue and Lorne street, owned by Major R. J. Edward-Lecky, was purchased yesterday by a local capitalist for \$40,000. The property was a 44-foot frontage on Westminster avenue and 132 feet on Lorne street. It is occupied by a three-story frame rooming house. The corner of Granville and Seventh street was also sold for \$20,000.

Fire in Sudbury

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 20.—Fire yesterday morning did damage to the extent of \$125,000 to the building and contents of the Johnson block. The loss is only partially covered by insurance. Among the losers were: 8. Johnson, owner of the building; Bank of Toronto, Downey & Moyle, furniture; P. L. Parker, groceries; Dr. Switzer, dentist: Major Leckie, Sr., insurance; Major Leckie, Jr.; F. W. Andrews, tailors; Maintoulin & North Shore railway; Major Smith, insurance broker; and J. Henry, customs broker.

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ers, self openers, \$2.50 and ... \$2.00 GENT'S UMBRELLAS in fine gloria covers, assorted handles, \$4.00, \$3.50 \$3.00 and\$2.75

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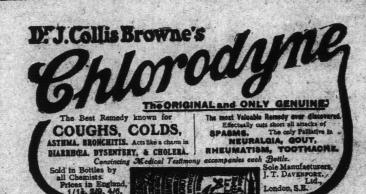
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Law Restrains Trades in Raising of Fund

MR. BALFOUR'S HEA TROUBLES HIS

Mr. Asquith Declares Fit to Maintain Supremacy

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The pect of the electoral fight changed by the judgment de day by the law lords, Lord Radical ex-minister, being head. This judgment dec trades unions cannot legacompulsory levies on the for parliamentary representations.

Nearly two million trades unions have hith pelled by their unions the salaries of forty-se parliament, and out of parliament, and out of pulsory levies some eigh dates are now standing. Many members of the habitually vote for Univeral and against labor elections, and have o shillings because if the would have been labe would nave been labell and driven out of the that the law says a consistency of empty treasuries on the greatest political contest

The executive of the meets immediately to p legalizing what the law illegal. The executive wier Asquith to accept government measure election on that issue.

Unionist electioneers say sands of trade unionists i trial centres will welcome from compulsion which the given them.

At the 1906 election the ing Liberal and labor viargely attributed to the Tiction, by which the Lot that the courts could infunds of a trade union by the action of any officia funds of a trade union of the action of any officia was then made to say: "your trade union funds those of private citizens," 1906 election the trade union for the Liberal-Labor par the law. Now the law support of the law unionisti: "You need not niember unless you like." parliamentary constitu

the independent freedom tative institutions.

Keir Hardie at Glasgo referred to the fact that i day gives judgment on whether trades unions right to levy for salaries P.s., and, said if the judaverse the party had e order for carrying on its fi for at least two years.

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tain, not only this year before us, our supremacy, and should the necessity God forbid, it would be antecythe integrity of our protection of our comme inviciability of our empirements. During the next few da be little or nothing doing cal world. The holidays voted to letter writing, at ing lights are already on with the pen. Sir Rober letter, denounced the council and its claims to Protestants and Dissenter ted Kingdon. He points Wesleyan Methodists aloof and distrustful.

Mr. Hawkins, secretary Club, speaking today, ex-confidence that the Liber returned to power, but creased majority. He pr jority of one hundred

Mr. Balfour's The whole Unionist couch a special way upon that something like spread through the Union night when the news of that Mr. Balfour had be by his doctors to go one journey from his house ham to make a short spourgh. Miss Balfour, whilfe to her bachelor brotinundated with message Everyone is following this medical men. It when Mr. Balfour left lasten days' rest would bamonary catarrh which to his bed for the best pand which continued to set friends some anxiety, back by his insistence, doctors' wishes, on going The whole Unionist doctors' wishes, on going of Commons on the fate of Commons on the rate Premier Asquith moved if resolution, but now the Miss Balfour together ha in hand, and have deel him to make any public after New Year.

Unionists refuse to co confusion and dismay the sult should Mr. Balfour the campaign next monta Asquith fell behind, at he including 'Sir 'Edward' George and Winston-Chake his place at the from but now that Mr. Cham abled, Mr. Balfour stand possible Unionist leade today's reports from Whourage the belief that care Mr. Balfour will be off the attack, as he vicusly, and be ready fold again in the sec January, if not the firs Slighting King E. One who is in poststates that the King 2 Unionists refuse to

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Law Restrains Trades Unions in Raising of Funds for Politics

MR. BALFOUR'S HEALTH TROUBLES HIS PARTY

Mr. Asquith Declares Navy is Fit to Maintain British Supremacy

LONDON, Does 32—The whole has peet of the provide heat may be computed by the large metal feet may be computed by the large metal heat may be computed large make comp member unless you like. Lord Shaw was most emphatic in his judgment, and said that trade union contract placing a member's vote and action into subjection, not to his own confictions, but to the union's decisions, was incompatible with the spirit of a parlimentary constitution, and with the independent freedom of representative in strategy.

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name in the present conflict. Particularly offensive is the reported incident at a Newcastle meeting yesterday, when Arthur Henderson, chairman of the Labor party, with a strange disregard of the elementary facts of the British constitution, said: "This is a grave business. Let me read the Klug's speech proroguing parliament. T regret," said his majesty, "that your provision of the necessary supplies should have proved unavailing." This shows that someone besides Liberal and Labor mean regrets the loss of the budget."

Sir Edward Grey and the Duke of Northumberland also got into a conflict over the use of the King's name. The Duke accused the minister of wanting in respect to the crown and not having a proper sense of decency in saying comething which none of his (Grey's) forerunners would have said.

Sir Edward Grey's reply is as follows: "The crown is recognized as occupying a perfectly well understood position at the head of our constitution, of which it is an integral part. When any reference is made to the constitution, of which it is an integral part. When any reference is made to the constitution.

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of which it is an integral part. When any reference is made to the constitutional position of the crown, it is made without reference to the personality of King Edward himself.

"I made my reference impersonally, in the way in which it is generally done, but the Duke of Northumberland has thought it fitting to constitute himself champion of the King's personality. That is certainly most unusual and undesirable, and much more wanting in respect and decency than anything I

Meanwhile Doctor Enjoys Large Profit From Successful Fake

was a jerry built house, and the future second chamber must be differently composed. "We are in a joyous mood," in declared, with his customary cheering the declared with his customary cheering the second chamber with his customary cheering the second control of the united and in the event of Cook's sending for the linstruments and observations which are alleged to be at Etah, developed that a majority of the members were not disposed to waste any more time in the matter.

The report of the committee of

"The doctor did not say what would become of his wife and children." Henry Wellington Wack, Dr. Cook's lawyer and the friend who is the authority for the statement above, were asked tonight about how much money they thought Dr. Cook had made from the sale of his marrative to newspapers in this country and abroad and from his lectures. "More than \$100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in retirement he need never want for comfort. The board of aldermen who voted the doctor the freedom of the city on his return have now before them a resolution to withdraw the grant.

and Early Construction is Expected

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21.—Construction of the coast section of the V. V. & E. Railway, which will cross Hope mountains via the Coquehalla divide and join the Similkameen extension of the road from Princeton, will commence next spring. This is the opinion of the contractors who returned to Vancouver yesterday after having

WINNIPEC, Dec. 21.—The last days of the Christmas rush are taxing the capacity of the railway companies to the utmost. Reports received from all terminal points in the west by the passenger departments of all the lines show that the traffic eastward tonight will be the heaviest in the history of the country.

The passenger, traffic and superintendent's departments of the roads on all divisions are doing all possible on all divisions are doing all possible on tacilitate the handling of the phenomenal passenger traffic, and said available sleeping cars and passenger to tacilitate the handling of the phenomenal passenger traffic, and said available sleeping cars and passenger to the trains tonight. While the outgoing traffic is unprecedented, the incoming trains from the east are very heavily laden, but they are bringing Christmas cheer to the thousands of homes in the light cars of British mail arrived to so day. No less than ten tons of plump pudding was among the good things which arrived.

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struction difficulties were encountered. It is understood that tenders will be acted upon early in the new year and that construction will be in full swing by Spring.

Determination of the manner in which the Hope range will be crossed has not yet been made. It is reported that this question is now occupying the attention of the railway engineers, the problem being whether grade requirements will necessitate the construction of an eight mille tunnel at a cost of several million dollars, or in the alternative if it would be better railway practice to build a line of heavier grades and longer distance on the surface in crossing from the headwaters of the Coquebialla to the Coldwater river. SPOKANE, Dec. 21.—One of the saddest cases of insanity brought to light at Sand Point, Idaho, is that of E. J. Halley, of Blacktail, who was brought to the Bonner county jail last week and adjudged insane Saturday before Randelin and sent to Oronne carylum

before Randelin and sent to Oronno asylum. Halley has been a resident of Blacktail district for eleven years and for five years has been holding a homes stead near the Blacktail landing, where he has been living alone. During the winter months his cabin is rarely visited, and it was not known that he was in a demented condition until last week, when he visited the Bishop ranch. Halley's family was descended from ancestors of Astronomer Halley of Halley's comet fame, and Halley himself had studied incessantly and was much interested in the approach of the comet.

itself came hear total destruction as the result of a fire which started in the coal bunkers yesterday morning about 5.30 and made good progress before being detecte by the mate who awakened in time to raise the alarm. The crew rushed to the pumps but found that they could not cope with the blaze, so an alarm was sent in to No. 1 hall, New Westminster. There were thirty tons of coal in the bunkers and before the fire could be quenched it was necessary to flood the boat over the coal, putting all the water into the hull that the steamer would carry without swamping. The fire caught in the bunkers from an overheated boiler. Until all the water has been numped out, it is impossible to estimate the damage. The Farquhar is a tidy little tug valued at \$15,000 and belonging to the Brooks-Scanlon O'Brien company. She had taken a tow of logs up to the Fraser River mills, and had tied up at the wharf waiting for the fog to lift.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Mann white slave traffic" bill, recently agreed on by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, was favorably reported to the house today by Chairman Mann of that committee OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The first Canadian gold to be coined into Canadian currency will be turned out from gold bricks, to the value of 350,000 which have been deposited with the mint by Joseph Boyle, the well-known Yukon miner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The house was in session but ten minutes today and adjourned until Jamery 4.

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