West Grey County Lodge

The annual meeting of the West Grey County Orange Lodge, which was held in Owen Sound last week, brought together a large number of the leading members of the Orange order and sessions were held in the morning and afternoon. In the absence of the County Master, Mr. T. W. Thomson, who was out of the city, the meeting was presided over by Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Holland Centre, Deputy County Master.

The reports presented during the session were of a most encouraging character and showed the order in this district to be in a flourishing and prosperous condition. There was some discussion with regard to the much talked of Clause 17, and regarding which various opinions have been expressed, but the lodge did not go on record with regard to the matter.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, of Holland Centre, was elected County Master for the coming year, with Mr. Elmer Wright, of Owen Sound, being chosen as Deputy County Master. Mr. James Jackson, Owen Sound, Past County Master, presided during the election of the officers, the others elected being as follows:—Rec. Sec., Johnston Little, Owen Sound; Fin. Sec., Melville McGee, Desboro; Treasurer, Wm Hampton, Holland Centre; Chaplain Chris Bleich, Owen Sound; Marshall, Thos. Brooks, Owen Sound; Lecturer, Chas. Crane, Chatsworth; 1st Deputy Lecturer, Wm. McMullen, Holland Centre; 2nd Deputy Lecturer, Wm. Walker, Berkeley.

Following the election of officers they were installed by Past County Master Alfred Quirk, and it was decided to hold the semi-annual meeting at Chatsworth in June.

Courier Attacked

A court case which has created considerable interest in this district is being tried to-day at Orangeville.

Irwin Merkley, of Corbetton, is the mail courier on Route No 3, Corbetton. After the big storm last week he is said to have called up parties on his route stating that he would be unable to go around his route if the road was not broken.

Harvey Trudgeon proceeded to break the road and Merkley was having considerable difficulty getting along the road when he saw Trudgeon. Some remarks were exchanged and it is alleged that Trudgeon struck Merkley and in the scrap Merkley's thumb was severely chewed. At any rate the Crown has taken up the case, and the trial is being held this Wednesday at Orangeville. Dr. Carter, of this place, who dressed the injured thumb, is a witness. The outcome of interfering with one of His Majesty's servants while on duty is being eagerly awaited. —Dundalk Herald.

Mother

If you look around a little when you go out you will find many lads going out with mother. Many take their mothers out to a movie or a social evening, or other kinds of entertainment. And why shouldn't they? Is there anyone you can tell your troubles to, who is more willing to listen and help than mother? If you take the wrong path in life and find out your error, who is more willing to set you right and give you encouragement? Boys always remember your mother is your greatest pal on earth. This is a good time to say a little about the disrespect shown by some to mother in the home. How many times do you walk into a home and hear someone talking of "her" or "she" and come to find out it's mother they are referring to. Is there a sweeter name than mother? Why change it to such a slang word as "maw", or a pronoun as "she or her". Boys may all be hard hearted in some of your eyes, but every lad has a spot in his heart for his mother. He may be a gentleman or a crook of the underworld; he is some mother's son and deep down in his heart there is a place for his mother.

Springtime

Already there are many signs of approaching spring, although officially it is not due to arrive until March 21st.

Spring is the season of reincarnation, rejuvenation and radiant life. It is only to man that January 1st. represents the birth of a new year and the calendar year is an artificial structure with plant life and that of the lower animals the coming of spring is at once the birth of a new year and life.

Humanity recognizes and speaks of a new year as from January 1st. but nevertheless observes it from the first breath of spring. After the departure of the drear and stifling winter and the coming of refreshing and magnetic spring there is new life and new hope created in the breasts of men and women. Spring brings great plans and high resolves which only winter can demolish or deter.

It is not sufficient to say that the homing instinct is convenient in the spring. It is natural and not to be gainsaid by man or beast. Spring urges the bird to build its nest, the animal to burrow into its mother earth and man to plan his home, but neither bird, beast nor man knows nor asks why. Spring is the one and only irresistible force.

This and That

By the Janitor.

No, the furnace never gets indigestion while there's good fuel to feed it.

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The road-hog and the dust nuisance are not live topics of discussion at the present moment.

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The official who is guided by the opinions of others rather than by his own good judgement, should not be an official.

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All the teamsters appreciate the variety caused by the pitch-holes in the roads. Believe that and I'll tell you another one.

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No, those strange noises around The Standard office are not caused by geese. It's one of the staff trying to perform on a clarinet.

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Speaking of pitch-holes, we all encounter them in the journey through life and in some of them we experience the sensation of a real drop.

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We are told that in the old days while waiting their turn at the bonspiels in Scotland the Scotch curlers sat around in the waiting rooms, talked and sipped water. Now what do you know about that?

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Dundalk hockey boys must be trying to imitate the wild life of Glenelg township as reported in some of the daily papers. They have three hockey teams there:—The Wildcats, the Tigers and the Wolverines.

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We heard recently of a candidate for municipal office who was looking longingly at a choice cut of meat in a shop window and finally remarked that he would like to have a feed of it but would have to wait until after the election as the other shop had more votes to cast.

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Old King Cole was a merry old soul
At the first of the wintry season;
But he's got sore, for fuel cost more,
And that was a very good reason.

County and District

George Dickson, of Moorefield, is the new sheriff in Wellington County.

Members of Tara Council will be paid $3.00 for each session they attend.

The town hall at Dundalk is being redecorated and a new furnace installed.

Mrs. Henry Silk of Dundalk celebrated her 90th birthday on Tuesday of last week.

Hanover Council gives a grant of $800 to their Citizens' Band and Mt. Forest, $480.

William Winters, an old and respected resident of Shelburne, died at his residence on January 24th, aged 80 years.

Dr. Bruce Kyles, who praticed at Singhampton for the past few months, has returned to Orangeville where he will go into partnership with Dr. Rooney.

The by-law submitted in Collingwood recently for a two million bushel elevator with an expenditure of $890,000 was supported nearly to a vote, only ten being registered against the proposal out of a total of 1171 votes polled.

At the recent meeting of Wellington County Council Reeve Irvine, of Arthur village, was instrumental in having a motion passed recommending that the Highways Department take over the Arthur-Orangeville road as a provincial highway. The resolution will be forwarded to the Department and it is hoped that there will be some action at an early date. The improvement of this important connecting link would be a great boon to motorists in Western Ontario, as it would give them a much shorter route and better roads to Toronto and Eastern points.

Complaints have reached The Banner Office of a drinking bout, which four or five men are alleged to have staged in a business man's office on Broadway late Monday night and early Tuesday morning. The revelry is said to have disturbed and alarmed the occupants of the nearby apartments. Some of the language attributed to participants in the midnight jollification was anything but edifying. Orangeville hires and pays two officers to patrol Broadway at nights and see that nothing unseemly occurs. If everything happened on Monday night, that our informant avers did occur, the night watchers must have been asleep at the switch. —Orangeville Banner.

Feed the Birds

The birds have a hard time getting enough to eat these days when the snow lies so deep. Help the little fellows over the winter by feeding them. Crumbs, bread, porridge, grain, etc. are wholesome to most of them. A good way is to tie a hunk of suet to a tree so high that cats can't reach it. Suet will not freeze and woodpeckers, chickadees, blue jays, etc., are very fond of it. The birds are our good friends and should be protected and fed.

Markdale

The roads are in splendid condition at the present time.

Mr. A. V. Gilbert was in Toronto last week on business.

Four cars of live stock were shipped from Markdale on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lee spent a few days with friends in Owen Sound.

Miss Neva Ritchie of Owen Sound spent a few days with Miss Helen Alton.

Mrs. (Rev.) Murphy of Tara was a visitor with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Brown.

Mrs. Reg. Howard of Toronto is a visitor with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howard in town.

Mrs. Jackson of Holland visited with her daughter, Mrs. Manley Steer, in town.

Mrs. Geo. Berwick and son of Shelburne were visitors over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Reburn.

Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. Leckie of Toronto were visitors with their aunt, Mrs. (Dr.) Brown, for a few days.

Mrs. Arthur Austin and little son of East Linton are visitors with the former's sister, Mrs. Harold York.

Miss Lillian Howard, who spent a few days caring for here mother, returned to her school at Wingham on Saturday.

Mrs. (Dr.) A. Brown entertianed a number of the ladies to tea Wednesday and Thursday last in honor of her sister, Mrs. Graham, of Toronto.

Mr. Preston York, of the Ford garage was in Toronto last week taking a special course on the new Ford. He was accompanied by his little son, Howard.

An airplane from Camp Borden circled above the Village for a few minutes Monday afternoon and gave people an opportunity to look towards the heavens.

Some of the ex-hockey players went to Dundalk on Monday evening and were defeated by a Dundalk team, the score being something like 12 to 2, which doesn't seem much if you say it fast.

The black birds have arrived back from their winter quarters in the south and are seeking shelter in the swamps in the locality. C. R. King saw one in a tree in the village on Tuesday.

Mr. M. V. Buffam returned on Saturday from Owen Sound where he had been receiving treatment for his eyes. He is considerably improved but it will be a few days yet before he will be able to resume his place in the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. W. B. Gregory of Euphrasia had his hand badly injured when bitten by a dog in town the other day. The dog was eating at a bone and as Mr. Gregory walked by he jumped and caught him by the hand. The wound was dressed by the Doctor and it is hoped that no permanent injury may result.

At a recent meeting of Marne chapter I.O.D.E. the following officers were elected: Hon. Regent, Mrs. T. H. Reburn; Regent, Mrs. L. G. Campbell; 1st Vice-Regent, Miss H. Mathews; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. C. R. McHugh; Treas., Mrs. J. C. Mercer; Standard Bearer, Mrs. G. S. Dundas; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Armstrong.

The progressive euchre party held Tuesday evening in Reburn's Hall was a successful affair and was well attended. In the contests the following were the prize winners: Ladies, Highest points, Mrs. A. Johnston; Gents, Highest points, J. H. Johnston; Lone hands, Miss Lucy Colgan; Lucky Valentine Prize, Thos. Mathews. A short musical program was given and lunch was served.

Markdale is to be represented in the great foot race to be held during the coming summer across the American continent from Los Angeles, Calif., to New York, according to word received here this week. Mr. Walter Ricketts, son of Mrs. Chloe Ricketts of this place, and a former Markdale boy, is at present in the south training for the race. He has been in business at Southampton for some time but sold out a few months ago in order to be free to enter this great race.

The curlers commenced the Annual Competition between sides chosen by the President, Mr. G. S. Dundas, and Vice-President, Mr. Alex. Smith, on Monday evening. The prize offered is a supper for which the losers have the privilege of paying and in which all have the privilege of participating. With one game yet to be played the Vice-President, Mr. Alex. Smith, is one shot ahead. The last game, between rinks skipped by Dr. L. G. Campbell for the President and Mr. W. D. Henry for the Vice-President, will be played at the first opportunity.

In refering to the illness of Rev. R. D. Armstrong, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Durham, and the supply provided during his illness, the Durham Chronicle has this to say of Mr. Lavergne Walden of this place: "During his illness his pulpit here has been generally taken by students from Knox College, Toronto, the services last Sunday being taken by Mr. B. L. Walden, who preached most excellent sermons and made a very favorable impression on the congregation. Mr. Walden is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Walden of Markdale, and his mother is a former resident of Glenelg and Durham. It is expected that Mr. Walden will also supply here next Sunday at both services and at Burns church at the Rocky in the afternoon. The young man is a powerful speaker and has a brilliant future ahead of him in the ministry."

Mr. Wm. Yeates of North Bay was in town this week.

Miss Florence Colgan was a week-end visitor in town.

Mr. G. Scott reports having seen a robin in his yard in town on Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. Green of Heathcote visited his sister, Mrs. J. P. Walton, on Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. J. Snell, who is spending the winter in Toronto, is in town for a few days this week.

Mrs. Preston York and little daughter spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Whitney at Berkeley.

Mr. James White of Dunboyne visited with his brothers, Mr. W. E. White in town and Mr. Ben. White on the West Backline.

The bonspiel postponed from last week, will be held in the rink here Thursday and Friday provided the weather is cold enough.

Latest reports from the Toronto General Hospital are that Mr. Fred. Cutting of this place is in a very critical condition. An operation on his head revealed conditions which makes recovery impossible.

Mr. John H. Anderson of Manor, Sask., was a visitor for a day with Mr. and Mrs. W. Burnett, and other friends. Thirty-nine years ago the Anderson family moved from Orange Valley to the West.

The A.Y.P.A. of Christ Church held their regular meeting on Monday in the large reception rooms at the Rectory. The educational group were in charge and were very fortunate in having Miss J. McDowell, of the local High School, to deliver her lecture, "From St. John to Algoma." The intimate knowledge of her subject and the ability of the speaker, with the various scenes illustrated by very fine slides, made the evening a real delight. A vote of thanks moved by J. Hill and J. Matthews was heartily accorded. It was decided to hold a toboggan and bob-sleigh party on Tuesday evening of next week, February 21st. The next regular meeting will be held on February 27th, when Mr. Arthur Clements, Organist of St. George's Church, Owen Sound, will give a Piano Talk entitled "The Language of the Hymn Tune."

Holland Centre

The Holland Centre United Church congregational meeting was held on Friday evening, Fegruary 10th. Interesting reports of the nine months work in the Sunday School were given by each teacher and the superintendent. The receipts of the Sunday School and the Ladies' Aid were about $66.00 each but both these organizations have rendered fine service during the year that is not measured in dollars and cents. The Young People Society raised $30 for the Maintenance and Extension Fund and are at present following a leadership training course each week. The total amount raised for the M. and E. fund was $229 which is a very creditable showing for the congregation. The church treasurer's report is the best he has given. The total amount, not including the M. and E. fund, was $977.00 making it possible to pay for the piano in full as well as the parsonage alteratons of $150.00, with a balance of $66.00 on hand to begin the New Year. This will assist in the extra expense of wiring the church for the hydro when Holland Centre sercures that service. Mr. Emerson Craven was re-elected treasurer while Mr. Thomas Troughton and Mr. W. E. Hampton were re-elected stewards.

There was a good attendance at the Missionary Service on Sunday evening when the work among the Indians at Island Lake, 200 hundred miles beyond Norway House in Northern Manitoba, was illustrated by lantern slides. This will be repeated at Berkeley on Monday evening, February 20th.

Rev. F. L. Brown, B.A., of Toronto, Missionary Superintendent, will speak at Holland Centre next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. With Mr. Brown's wide experence we are looking forward to an interesting service.

Mrs. Heighes and Mrs. Frances, of Strongfield, Sask., left for their homes on Friday after having spent the past three months with their mother, Mrs. McLean, who is ill.

Mr. John Anderson of Moosejaw, Sask., is visiting at Mr. Thos. Fee's.

Mrs. Richard Farley, who has been in Toronto for the last three weeks for medical treatment, returned home on Friday. We are pleased to be able to say that she is fully recovered. She was accompained by her mother, Mrs. R. H. Minion.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley attended the funeral of the latter's sister, the late Mrs. McMillan, in Owen Sound on Saturday.

Mr. Ed. Shea of Toronto spent the week-end with his brother, Mr. Wm. Shea.

Walters Falls

Mr. W. Shepherdson attended a convention and banquet in Toronto last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemon entertained a number of married friends last Tuesday evening.

Miss Blanche Rennie of Meaford H. S. visited over the week-end at the parental home.

The Box Social and Dance held last Friday night under the auspices of the Agricultural Society Officers was rendered before Mr. W. McKay started to auction the boxes which were very beautifully decorated.

Miss P. Jerry of Epping spent Sunday with her parents.

Mr. M. Cook had a number of men assisting him to harvest some of the ice crop. Mr. Menary also had some put in storage.

Mr. Robt. King had the misfortune to have his shoulder dislocated when coming from Chatswoth on Saturday with loaded stock. The sleigh completely upset when it slipped on some ice.

Miss Murdock of Bognor spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. W. Seabrook.

Miss Mary Acheson spent a few days with her brother in Meaford.

Dornoch and Vicinity

(Special to The Banner.)

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Crutchley. Although the weather was rather unfavorable, quite a number were there. It was decided to go in with Williamsford to get a speaker for the summer series. The meeting will be held in the Williamsford Hall in June.

The young people of the Welbeck School Section put on a play entitled "Safety First" at their school Friday night. It proved quite a success. Come to the Hall in Williamsford on Thursday, February 16th, and see the play put on there. A dance will be held after the play.

Mr. Robt. Montley is keeping batch now. His wife presented him with another daughter last Saturday in the Red Cross Hospital, Durham.

Mr. Mell McEwen and Mr. Crist. Bluhm spent a day hunting in our neighborhood.

A number from here took in the Social Evening in the Hall last Tuesday night and all report a good time.

Mr. Alex. Robertson, who had his hand badly cut, is still under the care of Dr. Sutherland of Desboro.

Miss Willa Robertson spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wells of Desboro.

Mrs. W. H. Darcy has returned after spending over a week with friends in Toronto.

Miss Bella Ray, who is working for Dr. Jamieson in Toronto, was called home last week owing to the illness of her mother, Mrs. John Ray, sr., who has had a bad seizure of heart trouble.

A number spent Saturday evening at Mr. Bryce Dargavel's listening to the radio.

Mr. Colin McIntyre received word yesterday of the death of his sister in Paisley.

Mr. John Sweeney is having a sale on February 20th. He has bought a house in Dornoch, formerly occupied by Mr. Ernest Leuck.

Sorry to report Mrs. Alex. McDonald not improving very rapidly.

Mr. Thomas Harrison returned from the West last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pritchard returned from the Queen City with their grandson. Their daughter, Amber, also presented them with a grand daughter while there.

St. Valentine's Day is at hand again. Hope all the young gentlemen will present their ladies with Valentines.

Old Sol is shining pretty bright these days and a lot longer than at the first of the year, which is a good sign that spring is fast approaching.

Keward

(Special to The Banner.)

Miss Grace Evans is home again after spending a few weeks in Owen Sound.

The Maple Leaf Community Club met on Frday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Farrow. The first annual electon of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Howard Lundy; Vice-Pres., J. C. Bell; Sec.-Treas., Katherine Milson; Pianist, Georgina Sholtz; Directors, Mrs. J. McDonald, Miss M. Clement, Will Evans and Hughie Sholtz. A pretty little song was sung by Doris and Jessie Merriam and Laura Ferguson. A reading, "The Story of St. Valentine," was read by Mrs. J. C. Bell, and the Valentine Post Office Box caused much merriment for everyone. The names were read by Howard Lundy. Lunch and some lively games brought the evening to a close.

On Friday afternoon the pupils and teacher of S.S. No. 1 held their monthly Junior Red Cross Meeting. Invitations were extended to the mothers and a splendid program was prepared. The teacher and pupils served refreshments.

Mrs. Peter McDonald was in Holland Centre last week.

Strathavon

The community extends the deepest sympathy to the bereaved family in the loss of their father, Mr. Matthew Ramage sr., who passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. [illegible] E. Robey, Sandstone, Minn., on Wednesday, February 7th. The large attended funeral showed the esteem in which the deceased held and respected.

Glad to see Mr. Kenneth [illegible] land able to be out after being confined to the house for some [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hall of Keppel spent a day this week with Mr. and Mrs. Carson McKessock.

Mr. Dave Sutherland spent the week-end with his cousin, Mr. Hugh Menary, and Mr. Menary of Temple Hill.

Mrs. E. Price returned to Owen Sound after having spent two weeks with her noice, Mrs. Norman Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gardiner and babe are the guests of Mrs. Gardiner's mother, Mrs. J. Nigh.

Miss Agnes McDougall returned to her home after conducting a two weeks' course on Domestic Science here. She was the guest of Mr. Geo. Ramage while here.

Walters Falls Agricultural Society

The Annual Meeting of the Walters Falls Agricultural Society was held recently at which the following officers were elected:

President, R. A. Hanna.
1st Vice-Pres., John Murray.
2nd Vice-Pres., D. Patterson.
Sec.-Treas., H. V. Wales.
Directors, E. Ptolemy, G. Seabrooks, E. Walters, M. A. Cook, J. McDonald, W. Morrison, C. Ramage, J. Long, S. Marshall.
Lady Directors, Mrs. E. Ptolemy, Mrs. D. Patterson, Mrs. W. I. Seabrooks, Miss H. Hanna, Mrs. E. Walters.
Auditors, Jas. Free, S. Saunders.

It was decided to enter the Field Crop Competition in Fall Wheat and Oats and entries should be made early, not later than May 15th.

On February 10th a Box Social and Dance [illegible] in the Community Hall [illegible] auspices of the Society [illegible] was a first class affair [illegible] another big dance is planned for Friday, February 24th. Particulars will be announced later.

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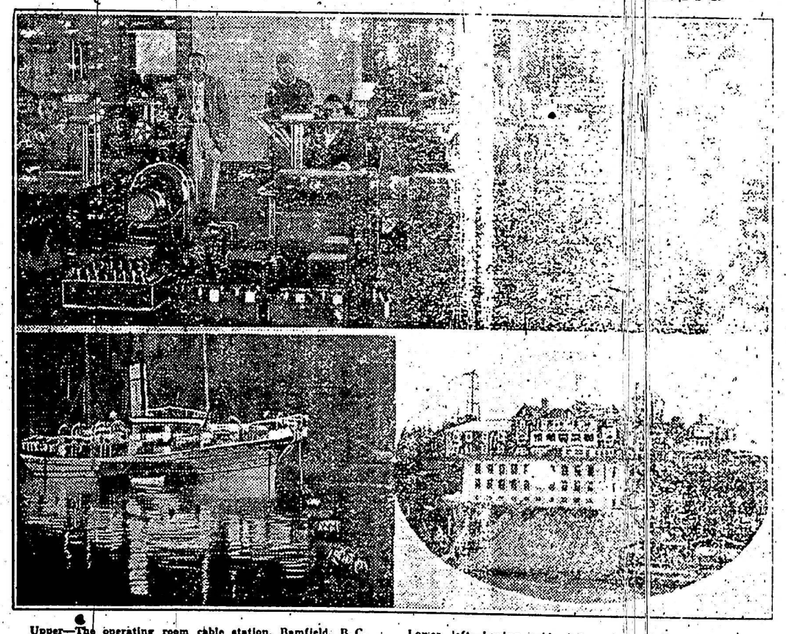

Upper—The operating room cable station, Bamfield, B. C. Lower left—Laying cable between Bamfield and Port Alberni, showing the cable floats. Lower right—Cable station at Bamfield, B. C.

With the laying of a 70-mile stretch of cable between Bamfield and Alberni, B.C., by the cable ship "Restorer," under charter by the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, the all-red line Pacific cable service was doubled. The new line is another Canadian Pacific link between Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

The Pacific Cable Board, representative of British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand governments, laid the cable from Australia to Bamfield, on Vancouver Island, and the line that connects the distant units of the Empire stretches across Canada to Halifax and from there to the heart of the Empire. This is the second all-copper line that has been built by the Canadian Pacific and leased to the Pacific Cable Board.

The last stretch of cable was shipped from England via the Panama Canal some time ago, when it was deemed necessary to cope with the increasing cable business. The cable was in two sections, weighed over 250 tons and was officially inspected and O.K.'d by J. McMillan, general manager of Canadian Pacific Telegraphs, who journeyed to England for that purpose.

The accompanying illustrations were taken during the recent operations. One of the photographs shows the trip ship "Restorer" lying near the wooded shores of the Island. Off the starboard side and extending into the foreground of the picture can be seen a line of barrels which floats the cable until the time comes to lower that section to the bottom. A smart little settlement has sprung up at Bamfield around the cable station, part of which, with the station, is seen in a [illegible] taken from the "Restorer."