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EDITORIA

There are a lot of people in the world who refuse to believe in virtue. They insist on measuring everyone according to their own standards. Perhaps this is particularly true of the West, although the East, too, seems to be imbibing it. The recent case in Toronto whereby a young girl shot her employer dead in defence of her honor will perhaps serve a wholesome purpose. It will tend to remind a certain class of men that there are rights in the world of which they had not dreamed. It is a striking tribute to the laws of our country that virtue and innocence should receive such protection, even in the face of a technical crime.

The sweeping victory of the Liberals in the Yukon election lends color to the feeling that seems universal, that there is a tremendous tide rising all over Canada in favor of a return to Liberalism. No wonder that this feeling is paramount when all the prosperity that Canada has ever known was had under Liberal rule. The man who succeeds, after all, is the man the people want to trust. Sir Wilfrid Laurier succeeded in bringing prosperity to Canada because of his farsighted statesmanship and his courage to adopt the policy he believed the country needed. The Borden government failed because they were not big enough to see the real issue and rise to their opportunity.

It is evident, too, that the McBride government has outlived its usefulness-if a government that has exploited the resources of the province can be said to have ever had any usefulness. One of the soundest principles in Anglo-Saxon systems of government is that a party should not be left in power too long. A change is wholesome, and beneficial to all. It is foolish and childish to say that the Liberals have not competent men to take their place. Nobody with any sense would protend to say that the Conservatives of Prince Rupert have a monopoly of the intelligence or business ability of this city. The same is true all over the province. There are good men in both parties; indeed, better men outside the government than in it. The Liberals who are seeking the suffrage of the province are in the front rank of our business and professional men. It is a reproach to !

the intelligence of the province to say that only one set of men can be had to run our government. "It's time for a change." Help it along. * * * * *

Distance is the greatest en-

chanter in the world. The things beyond our reach are so uncommon that their luxuriance becomes proverbial. This is one of the reasons why members of Parliament and other official personages are supposed to stand above the ordinary rank and file. As a matter of fact, the best men in Canada are not as a rule in politics at all. This is especially true of Prince Rupert and British Columbia. Most men make the great mistake of taking men at

their face value and placing them above themselves. According to well known laws of psychology such a practice is fatal and soon brings about the end imagined. The reason why some men succeed is because they seem to be born with a natural confidence in past few days. While all of the their ability and manhood. Others have succeeded because they have developed mental

habits that have enabled them

to believe in themselves.

The intention of the Creator has evidently been that every man should be a Person-that he should stand for something definite and positive. The dictum of Socrates as the most important thing in life was to "know thyself." Modern thinkers have advanced that to "self-realization," or self-expression; that the duty of every man was to reincarnate himself into something worth while, or, as Carlyle would say. to do something so well that it would be set to music and reverberate down the corridors very thing that the human heart is yearning after-reincarnation, or self-realization. Nobody wants to pass out into

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forgetfulness or oblivion. Evin a positive way-to believe in yourself-to be convinced that within you there are the elements of greatness; that all you require is hard study and opportunity to put you on level with the greatest in the land. When you have done the enthraldom of self-imposed slavery. What you will be or do after that matters nothing for you have already attained to self-realization.

ACTIVITIES RENEWED IN DRILLING FOR OIL UPON GRAHAM ISLAND

With Advent of Better Weather and Arrival of Machinery Operations Will Be Quite Extensive.

Vancouver, March 5 .- Talk of the oilfields on the west coast of Graham Island, which subsided for several weeks owing to the difficulties of getting word around from the west coast, has revived, letters reaching Secretary Lea, of the B. C. Oilfields, Ltd., during the work was going satisfactorily, and he expected to be able to have something definite to give out shortly.

In the letter from Mr. Alan Stewart, one of the directors who is personally overseeing the work, was a report of the character of strata in the well. The letter has not reached this city and it is thought it may have been lost There is considerable disappointment about this, as the drill should now be in the most important formation.

Mr. Brown, of the Queen Char- home. lotte Petroleum Company, recently incorporated, is planning a trip to consume several weeks inspecting some oil land the company is going to pick a dril! site of time. Indeed, that is the upon. This land is in the Rennell reported on by Mr. J. W. Couvert, the geologist, who is best informed on the formation of the west coast of the island.

> general activity in the oil regions pioneer company, they say, yet fore. She put the cartridges in other companies expect to drill in age into the drill hole.

The log of the well is absolute- soon

FEAR OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HER WAS THE MOTIVE GIVEN

happen to her when Mr. Charles ing downstairs, thinking all the A. Massey came home was the time that her employer meant to glimpse of the greatness of life reason given by Carrie Davies do her harm. When the door wants to associate himself with for the shooting, when she enter- pulling the trigger all the time, permanence. The only way to ed the witness box of the Criminal but the revolver did not seem to realize that is by proper think- Assize to answer the charge of work. She fired again from the ing. Start right now to think murdering her employer. She was doorstep while Mr. Massey was called by her counsel, Mr. H. H. Dewart, to tell the jury her story.

On the Friday night preceding, taken place at the Massey house in Mrs. Massey's absence. The guests, said the witness, were this you are a man-free from drinking rather heavily. She did not notice, however, that Mr Massey was affected. The next day Mr. Massey offered her a dollar to get a woman to help her, but she did not think it was necessary. He had then given her a He had also asked her i she had noticed his conduct with a lady at the party.

Did Not Answer Him.

"I didn't answer him, but just looked hard at him," said the girl 'He caught me by both hands and kissed me. I struggled, but he kissed me again."

Later, she went upstairs t make his bed. She found Mr Massey in the room, and he brought out some of his wife's wearing apparel and made suggestions to her. A struggle ensued, but she managed to free herself and run to her bedroom; where she locked herself in. She dressed herself and went to see her sister, but the presence of information which these contain- company at her sister's house preed was not given out, Mr. Lea said vented her telling of the occur-She mentioned to her brother-in-law that Mr. Massey had kissed her, and was told to be careful.

> On the morning of the murder she prepared Mr. Massey's breakfast as usual, but went down into the cellar until he left the house. because she was afraid of him. BRIGHT OUTLOOK All that day she was alone in the house, except when the boy came home to lunch. She worried all day over what had happened on the Sunday, and feared more trouble when her employer came

Everything Was Misty.

When the newsboy called, Mr Massey was not in, but while they vorable for a big crop as they are were at the door he was seen com- today. ing up the road.

"I guess it was then I lost con-Sound portion of Graham Island, trol of myself and I thought of "A Little Saving Is and two years ago was favorably what he was going to do, and it frightened me. Everything was misty before me. I could only think of him doing me harm, and I knew that I would have to de-With the opening of spring fend myself some way or other.'

She went upstairs to the boy's of Graham Island may be looked room and got the revolver and for, say recent arrivals from the cartridges. The boy had showed North. While a great deal dc- her how to load and use it, alpends upon the success of the though she had never fired it be-

different parts, irrespective of the ly correct thus far, according to outcome of the pioneer hole. the driller, Frank Eagan, who has However, though this well has drilled oil wells for some thirty not, or had not at last reports, en- years. The Northern Oil Company countered a commercial flow, yet of this city and the West Coast the presence of oil has been Oil Fields, Ltd., of Seattle are two proven for months by the seep- other companies which may be expected to begin operations

going down the walk. She heard him fall, and then heard someone cry, "Stop it." That brought the murder, a diffner party had her to her senses. She ran upstairs to her room, not realizing

It was not until she reached the turned. She had always been sanely treated by the Masseys.

Telling of her family, she said had died since she came to Canada, in May, 1913. Her mother had done sewing until her eyesight failed her. Since coming to Canada, the girl said she had sent money home as often as she could land had been caused by indiges-

when the court adjourned were the addresses of the judge and

Moose Jaw, March 5 .- Thos. Sales, of Langham, Sask., of the central office of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, i convinced that never before at this time of the year have conditions in Saskatchewan been so fa-

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Toronto,-Fear of what would the revolver while she was com-

that she had shot Mr. Massey and faintly remembered writing two police station that she realized Mr. Massey was dead. She stated that she did not leave the house after Sunday's happenings because she thought it was her duty to stay until Mrs. Massey re-

Father An Old Soldier.

her father was an old soldier, but afford it. Her illness at the Istion, she said.

Mr. Ernest Fairchild, brotherin-law of Carrie Davies, testified to the respectability of the girl and the strictness of her parents. Inspector of Detectives Kennedy produced the statement the girl had made after her arrest, in which she told of the attack made upon her by Mr. Massey. Dr. A. Harrington testified to the purity of the girl.

All that remained to be heard

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