SCORTED DOWN RIVER BY GUNBOAT

MISSIONARY RETURNS FROM SEAT OF CONFLICT

Party of Foreigners Are Shut Up in Isolated City in Western China

On the Empress of Japan, which arrived from the Far East on Friday were several missionaries returning from China, among them being Rev. T. J. P. and Mrs. Jolliffe, and two children, who were ordered out of Lu-Chow, in Sze-Chuan province, by the British consul, on account of the danger to foreigners, and escorted down the Yang-tsze-Kiang to safety by the British gunboat Widgeon.

There are left, however, about 100 foreigners concentrated at the provincial capital, Cheng-tu-fu, who are without protection, and Mr. Jolliffe, who is a missionary of the Canadian Methodist church, said when he reached Shanghai that there was considerable apprehension felt for their safety. On account of the impossibility of them being brought down under protection of a gunboat from such a remote point, it was thought desirable to collect the white residents in a central point of the province, and keep them there till the disturbances were over.

Under the surveillance of the Widgeon the missionaries were free from molestation, but when they passed down the long river trip to Hankau in the middle of November the reports of firing were heard, and the disaffected district presented a scene of desolation. The whole country was in the hands of the revolutionaries, and the sentiment of the people was universally for the reform movement.

Mr. Jolliffe told a Times representative that he did not see any signs personally of hostility to foreigners, but on their arrival at Shanghai there were waiting a missionary and his wife, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, who had been knocked insensible by desperadoes while travelling to that city from the scene of the fighting in the Yang-tsze-Kiang valley, in spite of the fact that the party had provided themselves with a mounted escort. The attack occurred at nighttime when the escort had become tired, and probably careless, and after both had been rendered insensible, the robbers took all the silver available which was being conveyed to the coast, and whatever possessions the missionaries had. Mrs. Bloom, it was feared, had a fractured skull as a consequence. This was the only case of assault on European missionaries of which he knew personally.

The news of negotiations which are now pending between the imperial troops and the revolutionary forces for peace had reached them by wireless as they approached the Canadian coast, and to all who knew the actual conditions there, he was sure it was welcome. The country wanted peace, and a settlement of the present internecine struggle would be welcomed by all who had the future of the country at heart.

No arrangements had yet been made for their return to China.

GIFT FROM FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—France is arranging another imposing testimonial of her friendship for the United States. Yesterday a public subscription was opened for a bronze bust of la France, by the illustrious French sculptor, Auguste Rodin, which will be placed on the monument to be dedicated to Samuel de Champlain, the French navigator, explorer and discoverer of the lake that bears his name.

President Fallieres heads the list of subscribers and is followed by the foreign minister, Jules Jusserand, Gabriel Hanotaux, president of the France-American commission for the development of political, economic, literary and artistic ideas, and Count De Rochambeau.

The initiative of the movement was taken by Ambassador Jusserand.

DROWNED IN THE FRASER.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Andrew Soderland, a Scandinavian, aged 23 years, was drowned in the Fraser river on Thursday last, when a scow loaded with gravel capsized off Nicomen Island, precipitating three or four men into the river. All of the men except Soderland were saved. The body has not yet been recovered.

FIRST C.N.R. LINE TO OPERATE IN PROVINCE

Canadian North-Eastern Permitted to Accept Traffic Over Eighteen Miles of Track

The first bit of Canadian Northern track to be put in actual commission in British Columbia is not part of the much-heralded line which the McBride government committed the province to in an immense sum as a guarantee, but a small section that will be operated under the name of the Canadian North-Eastern Railway Company. This having been inspected the provincial minister of railways has granted the company permission to operate it for passenger and freight traffic.

The line thus declared to be open for traffic runs from Stewart station to the Red Cliff mine, a distance of some thirteen and one-half miles. The inspecting engineer has reported that the line for the distance stated will be reasonably free from danger to the public using the same, at a speed not exceeding twenty miles an hour, and the minister, in giving permission for the opening of the road, limits the speed to that maximum. Approval is given in other certificates to the passenger and freight tariffs over this section, as well as the tariff of tolls to be charged on traffic passing over the wharf and terminal track to Stewart station.

Permission has also been given for the operation of the five miles of track between the end of the wharf at Stewart and Glacier Creek station. The maximum speed allowed is ten miles an hour, and on two sections specified the speed is restricted to five and six miles an hour respectively. The tariff has yet to be sanctioned.

For the present the traffic on the lines will largely be in connection with the mines, some of which are owned by the same interests that own the railway.

LOCAL NEWS

Has New Name.—A new name has been given to Wilson's Crossing on the E. & N. railways and henceforth letters addressed to residents of that locality should bear the address "Saltair," which replaces "Wilson's Crossing" in the postal guide and railway time table.

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License Issued.—The superintendent of insurance for the province has issued a license to transact a fire insurance business in British Columbia to the Reliance Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia, the head office of which for the province is in Vancouver, with James F. Lamont as agent.

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Don't Like Militants.—A dispatch from Tacoma says that Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst will not be invited to speak in that city by the women's associations there. Mrs. Mason, a prominent worker, declared that the women voters of Washington do not believe in Mrs. Pankhurst's methods, and Dr. Croake asserted the association of which she is an officer, is opposed to paying the sum asked by Mrs. Pankhurst, knowing it will be used for the urtherance of militant tactics.

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Seeking Her Son.—Mrs. A. E. Osborne, of Smithstown, Drogheda, Ireland is seeking information about her son, Edward Osborne, whom she believes to be in the Northwest. He last wrote to her in July, 1909, when he was in the employ of the Fort Kells Shingle Co. A member of that firm saw him later in Vancouver, but in spite of advertisements in newspapers and general inquiries he has not again been heard of. Edward Osborne is a man about 25 years of age, is tall and fair with blue eyes. He has been in Canada five years and was at Shoal Lake, Manitoba, and after leaving there worked at many places as he moved across the continent to Vancouver.

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Week of Prayer.—The usual week of prayer at the beginning of the year will be observed in this city from Monday, January 1, to Friday, January 5, inclusive. This is one week earlier than the week of united prayer observed throughout the world by invitation of the evangelical alliance, but the members of the Ministerial Association felt that the earlier date was more suitable and found also that it would not interfere so much with business arrangements. The meetings will open with a limited service at 11 a. m. in St. Andrew's church. Subsequent meetings will be held in the hall of the Y. M. C. A. at 8 p. m., from Tuesday, to Friday. The programme of subjects and speakers will be announced next week.

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An Enjoyable Dance.—An enjoyable dance was held Thursday evening by the Victoria Hockey Club in the A. O. U. W. hall, about forty couples turning out for the affair. The effect was very gay, several charming gowns being noticed among the ladies; the hall was prettily decorated with red and white—the colors of the club—interspersed with evergreens. The music and catering were both first-class, the former being provided by Bantley's five-piece orchestra, Mrs. Hamilton at the piano; the buffet supper, which was provided by Mr. Robinson, was a conspicuous feature, and was unanimously voted one of the daintiest ever served by the club. The whole affair reflects the greatest credit on the committee who had the arrangements in hand: Messrs. Arnold, Lort, McKenzie, Bell, Blandy, Craddock and Paget-Forde, and it is practically decided, owing to the success of last night's ball, to give another dance early in the New Year.

GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE PLANS

RAILWAY TERMINALS ON SONGHEES RESERVE

Believed That Comprehensive Scheme Has Been Evolved—Details Under Consideration

In the course of a few days it is expected that an announcement will emanate from the provincial government which will be of particular importance to this city. The precise details are unknown to all but a select few on the inside, but they are such tidings of great joy that those who have knowledge of them are unable to entirely conceal their elation. They have effervesced so much that a few bubbles of information have fallen by the wayside, retaining their shape long enough to claim the attention of alert real estate men with the result that during the last two or three days there has been a significant campaign in options, particularly in parts of the James Bay district.

There is little doubt that beneath this suppressed excitement is a comprehensive enterprise in project in connection with the Songhees reserve. Ever since this vexed question was settled residents of Victoria, especially the different public bodies, have been on the tip-toe of expectation of some announcement as to what will actually happen across the harbor. That this magnificent industrial site would ultimately be devoted to railway terminals has been the general view and the government's announcement along these lines, when it is made, will be received with widespread satisfaction.

The provincial government has been subjected to considerable criticism for its failure to make some announcement before this, but its supporters have pointed out that the matter is of greater magnitude than has been generally understood. It should be borne in mind that there are now two sections of a transcontinental railway in existence on this island and Victoria looms largely in the plans of both. Any arrangement for terminal facilities on the reserve would have to be broad enough to accommodate both these enterprises and provision likely will be made, therefore, for a union station which, with all its accessories will occupy a considerable portion of the southern area of the reserve.

A few months ago, while in the east, Hon. R. McBride called upon Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at Montreal, and there is no doubt that he discussed the question of terminal facilities on this land. To the C. P. R. the matter is very pressing. Business over the E. & N. railway line has expanded so largely in recent years that the accommodation at the present terminal yards is constantly taxed to the utmost. This increase will continue at an accelerated rate, so that it is vital that some arrangement should be made for additional accommodation. The time is equally opportune, although the conditions obviously are not pressing, for some similar provision to be made for the Canadian Northern.

This subject was discussed with the heads of the various railway companies some time ago, and since then the details in the consummation of a union terminal scheme have been worked out. According to report, which is current on the streets to-day, the project of a union terminal contemplates a closer connection with the outer docks, probably by a draw or bascule bridge across the harbor, so as to make it possible for freight to be transferred direct from the ocean wharves to the railway terminals without the circumlocutory route through the city that would be necessary under existing circumstances.

It is significant that the report of an early announcement from the government follows so closely the visit here of G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. A. D. McRae, who represents the Mackenzie & Mann interests in this city, was also in the city a few days ago.

Another interesting report which has an important bearing upon the railway situation in this city is that of the prospective acquisition of the Victoria & Sidney line by the Canadian Northern Railway. The Times correspondent in Vancouver endeavored to get into touch with Mr. McRae to-day but found he had left for the east.

TENT DWELLERS OBJECTED TO.

North Vancouver, Dec. 21.—With the statement that the district was insanitary with its inhabitants undesirables, Alderman Smith at a meeting of the North Vancouver council asked that the tent and camp-dwellers along the waterfront be given notice to vacate. He stated that there were 208 tents in a small section west of Ford avenue on the south side of the esplanade and reported that the tent-dwellers were undesirable characters who owned no land in the city and paid nothing into city enterprises. He moved that a by-law be framed giving the occupants of the tents ninety days to vacate and those of the wooden camps 180 days to remove themselves. Such a by-law would not limit giving notice to the dwellers in that particular section but would include all those in the city, numbering almost 1,000 persons.

The proposal met strong opposition from most of the council, not so much on the ground of health as on that of the tent-dwellers being said to be undesirables.

The discussion ended with the chairman deciding that the city solicitor would have to be consulted to see if the giving of such notice was legal.

Alderman Biss stated that he did not believe in driving these people from North Vancouver; that they represented a population of between 500 and 600 people. Alderman Dick supported Ald. Biss' contention, and added that he did not think that the thing could be done legally. He did not think that they were undesirables. On the ground of sanitation, however, he supported Alderman Smith, but he thought that an order could be passed, making the owners of the district observe the city health laws. He did not want them removed.

THE CITY MARKET

Oils.	
Pratt's Coal Oil	1.00
Eocene	1.75
Meats.	
Hams (B. C.), per lb.	.30@ .35
Bacon (B. C.), per lb.	.25@ .28
Hams (American), per lb.	.35
Bacon (American), per lb.	.35
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	[illegible]
Beef, per lb.	.10@ .25
Pork, per lb.	.12½@ .25
Mutton, per lb.	.15@ .30
Lamb, hindquarter	2.00@ 2.50
Lamb, forequarter	1.50@ 2.00
Veal, per lb.	.10@ .30
Suet, per lb.	.15
Farm Produce.	
Fresh Island Eggs	.65
Butter, Cowichan	.50
Butter, Victoria	.60
Butter, Salt Spring	.60
Butter, Eastern Townships	.60
Lard, per lb.	.25
Western Canada Flour Mills.	
Purity, per sack	1.90
Purity, per bbl.	7.25
Hungarian Flour.	
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per sack	1.90
Ogilvie's Royal Household, per bbl.	7.25
Robin Hood, per sack	1.90
Robin Hood, per bbl.	7.25
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per sack	1.85
Vancouver Milling Co., Hungarian, per bbl.	7.10
Lake of Woods, per sack	1.90
Lake of Woods, per bbl.	7.25
Calgary Hungarian, per sack	1.90
Calgary Hungarian, per bbl.	7.25
Enderby, per sack	1.85
Enderby, per bbl.	7.10
Pastry Flours.	
Snowflake, per sack	1.85
Snowflake, per bbl.	7.00
Vancouver Milling Co., Wild Rose	1.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	1.75
Grain.	
Wheat, chicken feed, per ton	35.00@45.00
Wheat, per lb.	.03½
Whole Corn	45.00
Cracked Corn	47.00
Oats	35.00
Crushed Oats	37.00
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 7-lb. sk.	35@ .40
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 20-lb. sk.	1.05
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 40-lb. sk.	1.90
Rolled Oats (B. & K.), 80-lb. sk.	3.50
Oatmeal, 20-lb. sack	.80
Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack	2.25
Rolled Wheat, 10 lb.	.65
Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs.	.55
Wheat Flakes, per packet	12½@ .35
Whole Wheat Flour, 10 lbs.	.45
Graham Flour, 10 lbs.	.50
Graham Flour, 50 lbs.	1.75
Feed.	
Hay (baled), per ton	20.00@22.00
Straw, per ton	16.00
Middlings, per ton	33.00
Bran, per ton	32.00
Ground Feed, per ton	33.00
Shorts	33.00
Poultry.	
Dressed Fowl, per lb.	25@ .25
Ducks, per lb.	25@ .30
Geese (Island), per lb.	20@ .25
Fruit.	
Bananas, doz.	.35
Grapefruit, each 10c., or 3 for	.25
Lemons, doz.	30@ .35
Oranges, doz.	30@ .50
Canteloupes, each	10@ .15
Peaches, lb.	.08
Plums, lb.	.08
Watermelons, lb.	.02½
Apples, lb.	05@ .08
Grapes, lb.	10@ .15
Vegetables.	
Beets, lb.	.03
Cabbage, lb.	.03
Onions, lb.	.04
Turnips, lb.	.03
Green Corn, doz.	.30
Carrots, lb.	.03
Green Peas, lb.	.06
Beans, lb.	.08
Potatoes (B. C.)	1.50
Potatoes (Island)	1.75
Fish.	
Salmon, Red Spring, lb.	.20
Salmon, White Spring, lb.	.20
Halibut (Vancouver), lb.	.15
Cod, lb.	.12½
Herring, lb.	.10
Finnan Haddie, lb.	.10
Bloaters, lb.	.12½
Shrimps (alive), qt.	.35
Shrimps (imported), lb.	.25
Crabs (local), lb.	.12½
Crabs (imported), lb.	.15
Oolichans (salted), lb.	.15
Salmon Bellies, lb.	.15
Flounders, lb.	.10
Soles, lb.	.15
Kippers	.12½
Mackerel, fresh Eastern, lb.	.20
Smelts, lb.	.15

WHOLESALE MARKET.

Almonds, per lb.	.20
Apples (local)	1.50@ 2.00
Apples, Jonathan	2.50
Bacon	.19
Bananas	.05½
Beets, per sack	2.00
Cabbage, per lb.	.02@ .03
Cheese	.17½@ .18½
Chestnuts	.18
Comox Butter	.43
Creamery Butter	.34
New Zealand Butter	.35
Cucumbers (hot-house), per doz.	1.25
Cauliflower, per doz.	1.75
Eggs (local)	.65
Eggs (California fresh)	.45
Eggs (Eastern)	.32@ .35
Filberts, per lb.	.15
Green Onions	.40
Grapes (Malaga), barrel	7.50
Grapes (Winter Emperor)	.15
Grapefruit, per box	4.00
Hams	.15
Haddies, per lb.	.08
Lard	.13½@ .14½
Lemons	4.50@ 5.50
Lettuce (hot-house), per crate	1.25
Onions (California)	.02½
Parsley	.50
Peanuts, roasted	.10
Pomegranates	2.00
Potatoes (local)	30.00@35.00
Sweet Potatoes	.05½
Turnips, per sack	1.00
Walnuts, per lb.	.16@ .21
Oranges, navel	3.25
Oranges, Japanese	.55
Butter, Comox	.47

Deal for Westholme Hotel.—A sale of the Westholme hotel, Government street, is contemplated by the Westholme Hotel Company, Ltd., to Hugh Springer, of Vancouver, who was here yesterday. Prior to leaving for Vancouver Thursday Mr. Springer said in reference to the reported purchase by him that the sale had not yet been made. He had been negotiating with the owners of the hotel but the deal was not closed.

The pigmy mouse of Siberia is the smallest quadruped in the world.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IN CITY OF REGINA

A PRAIRIE VISITOR PROVES ITS REFORMS

Tribute to Statesmanship of Premier Scott—Saskatchewan Benefits Much

Among the visitors to the city at the present time is W. J. Hill, of Regina, a prominent real estate man in the Saskatchewan capital. Mr. Hill, who is accompanied by his wife, is on the coast for the purpose of investment, and the development of Vancouver Island greatly appeals to him.

The visitor is a great believer in municipal ownership of public utilities, and spoke of the remarkable progress made in Regina along that line during the last few years, in which, in company with every city in the west, the Saskatchewan capital has made progress. The amount of street work there is considerable, and extensions of sewerage, water connections and public improvements of all kinds, rapid as they have been, fail to keep pace with the development of the town. The street railway system is the newest form in which this plan of public ownership has been shown, and although only six cars are in operation, and the line has only been opened in time to assist in the carriage of persons for the Dominion Exhibition, it is providing a profitable investment for the citizens, and will increase as opportunity offers. The citizens fought against a franchise being given to a wealthy firm of promoters, and the fight they put up prevented the council from bartering away the franchise.

Mr. Hill says the Saskatchewan towns are suffering severely from the failure to pass reciprocity, as they are also from the lack of cars to ship out their wheat. It is no exaggeration to say that the wheat is lying on the streets of the smaller towns, and there is no opportunity to ship it out. Even in Regina, the capital of the largest wheat growing state or province on the North American continent, Mr. Hill says, he can buy American flour cheaper and better than the local flour milled right in Regina, the reason being that the Minneapolis mills have better machinery, and more modern plants, and can put the article on the Canadian market in competition with local products.

Saskatchewan is just as safe for the Scott ministry as it was the last provincial election. The government has done great things for the country, and the city of Regina is benefitting substantially from the public spirited action of Premier Scott when he was in the Dominion House of Commons through securing to the city the government portion of the townsite, which enabled proceeds of sales of land in that area to be devoted to provide public utilities for the citizens generally. Only this year the city council has been able to construct its street railway by issuing debentures to be retired as the sales came in from auctions of public land.

PRINCIPAL NAMED FOR BOYS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

Principal Hamilton, of Olds, Definitely Accepts Position Offered by Trustees

Owing to Principal Horning having decided to remain at Nokomis, after the invitation extended to him on behalf of the Victoria School Trustees to take the principalship of the Boys' Central school, vacant through the resignation of School Inspector Winsby, the post has been offered to, and accepted by Principal J. E. Hamilton, of Olds, Alberta.

The new principal is a graduate of Arcadia University, holding the B. A. degree, and has been in his present post for the past three years. He possesses certificates both for Alberta and British Columbia, and is understood to be specially fitted for the important position which he will take up next term. The new principal has excellent testimonials.

FIGHT OVER WILL.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The contest over the will of Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, took a new form yesterday when suits were filed in the superior court by Rudolph and Claus, jr., against Adolph and John D. Spreckels, all sons of the deceased man, for an accounting of the $26,000,000 the defendants are alleged to have received as gifts from their father in his lifetime. In their complaints, which are four in number, based on slightly different technical grounds, the sum said to have been given outright to Adolph and John D. is called the community property of the father and mother. For this reason the father had no legal right to dispose of his estate in that manner, it is stated. Claus, jr., and Rudolph therefore ask the court to compel an accounting of the entire sum with a view to determining their own shares. The gifts were made between 1897 and 1906.

MANY INJURED.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 22.—Thirty to forty persons were hurt, some of them fatally, in a wreck on the Texas and Pacific railroad at Kildare, south of here, before daylight to-day. Passenger Trains No. 3 and No. 104 were in a head-on collision.

CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOL CLOSES FOR ALL TIME

Historic Building Ceases Its Usefulness To-day After More Than Half Century

The last public function at the historic Craigflower school took place to-day, when Mrs. Harding, the principal, and her staff met the friends of the old school for the last time in the old building which has resounded with the voices of children for over half a century, for the closing exercises.

The Craigflower schoolhouse is the oldest in British Columbia, and will be preserved for its memories, when the new building is occupied after the Christmas recess. The structure goes back to the earliest years of education on Vancouver Island, in the pioneer days when the veteran Bishop Cridge was honorary superintendent of education, and used to report regularly to Governor Douglas on the public schools.

Reporting in 1861, exactly half a century ago, on the sixth examination, which took place on July 11 of that year, Bishop Cridge says: "Mr. Claypole, teacher. 21 pupils, prizes the gift of his excellency, were awarded and presented by him to three boys and two girls. The school is well situated for the population growing up in the neighborhood, and is conferring important advantages on the community. The schoolhouse, which contains six rooms, and the premises generally, need considerable repairs. The school reserve consists of four acres; no portion of it is at present under cultivation. Average attendance at school for the year, 15."

At Craigflower school it was the custom to receive his excellency with a grand salute of canon. To-day, although the proceedings did not open with the booming of guns, it was a group of reminiscent people who gathered for the last exercises.

U. S. WOOL DUTY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—A wool bill, framed according to President Taft's recommendations on the tariff board report on schedule "K" will be prepared by the House Republicans on the ways and means committee. Republican leaders in the Senate, who have similar plans, suggested yesterday that the Senate and House get together during the Christmas recess and have a bill ready by the time the Democrats have a measure to report. The Progressive leaders say that they are already on record for a protective duty equal to the difference between cost of production here and abroad.

VICTIM OF EXPLOSION.

Grand Junction, Colo., Dec. 22.—Morris Haggerty, a wealthy citizen of this place, learned yesterday that his son, Frank, was one of the victims of the Los Angeles Times explosion in October 1910. Young Haggerty left here three years ago. Nothing has been heard from him for more than a year and the elder Haggerty has learned that his son was operating a linotype machine in Los Angeles when he met his death. The body will be disinterred and brought here for burial.

NEW RECORD.

Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—It was recently announced that No. 1 shaft of the Western Fuel Co. had broken the daily output record. This record was not allowed to stand long, for yesterday the old record was shattered when 1,642 long tons were raised to the surface.

To Subscribers in Arrears

The Times, Daily and Semi-Weekly, are sent by mail to subscribers only when paid in advance. This rule not having been rigidly enforced for some time past, the result is that a number of subscribers to each paper have overlooked the necessity for remitting the yearly subscription price and are now indebted to us in sums from $1 upwards. We are now going to enforce the rule of prepayment in respect to both Daily and Semi-Weekly papers.

Accounts have been mailed to each subscriber in arrears and in order to secure a continuance of the paper payment of amount of account rendered must be made during the present month of December.

On the 1st of January, 1912, all papers now being mailed to subscribers which then remain unpaid, will be discontinued, and thereafter the rule of cash in advance will be strictly adhered to. We are thus giving plenty of time to subscribers and they cannot feel offended if they fail to receive paper after 1st of January.

Of course accounts unpaid when paper is discontinued will be collected subsequently.

LOUIS COSTE HAS TO OUTLINED REPORT

ROOM FOR TWENTY BIG STEAMERS IN HARBOR

Speaks at Real Estate Exchange Luncheon, Following C. H. Lugrin

The first luncheon to be held by the Victoria Real Estate Exchange took place on Friday in the Alexandra Club and was a decided success in point of numbers and enthusiasm.

Beaumont Boggs, presiding, had C. H. Lugrin on his right and Louis Coste, C. E., on his left. Other guests were: Senator Macdonald, Hon. E. G. Dewdney, Mayor Morley, H. B. Thomson, M. P. P.; Fred Davey, M. P. P.; H. G. Wilson, president of the Board of Trade; F. A. Pauline, chairman of the board's special committee on harbor improvements; J. J. Shallcross and R. F. Rithet.

Mr. Boggs welcomed the members to the first of what he hoped would be a long series of luncheons.

An interesting address was delivered by Chas. H. Lugrin on harbor improvements, in the course of which he took occasion to point out that this city from the earliest days had always been designed as the terminus of the C. P. R.

Louis Coste recalled that he had often been called a crank in the matter of harbor works, and Mr. Dewdney would remember what large appropriations he had formerly asked for such works. In the development of the Dominion and its transportation routes the harbors had been neglected. Speaking of his mission here Mr. Coste said:

"I have almost, if not entirely, made up my mind to report on two points: to treat the inner harbor, which has been very much neglected and offers a very large amount of room for development and has foreshore for vessels of up to twenty feet for your coasting trade, and to design a harbor about where your present outer wharves are, gradually but as quickly as possible and give room for not less than twenty of the largest steamers in use to-day. (Cheers.)

"It will be a progressive plan of no little dimensions, and I shall certainly press upon the government the necessity of giving Victoria appropriations for these works under two heads—first the inner harbor for your great coasting trade and second the outer harbor for your foreign trade.

"I have the absolute promise of the minister of public works to this. Before I accepted my mission I pledged him that he would take up my report seriously, lay it before his colleagues and do his utmost to follow the programme which, after consultation with you, I will be able to lay before him."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Lugrin was passed on motion of H. B. Thomson, seconded by F. A. Pauline.

Of 31 ocean-going steamers with a speed of 20 knots and over, Great Britain owns 13.

LAND ACT

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT
DISTRICT OF COAST.

Take notice that the Vancouver Timber & Trading Company, Limited, of Vancouver, B. C., lumber dealers, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 724, near the south coast of Hardwick Island, B. C., which post is situate about one mile and a half north from said south coast, thence west 80 chains, thence north 28.09 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 28.09 chains.

THE VANCOUVER TIMBER & TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.
WILLIAM BENJAMIN VAUGHAN, Agent.
September 12th, 1911.

LAND ACT

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT.
DISTRICT OF COAST.

Take notice that I, William B. Vaughan, of Vancouver, B. C., a lumberman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north boundary line of Lot 724, about 20 chains east of the northwest corner of said Lot 724, near the south coast of Hardwick Island, British Columbia, and about a mile and a half north from said south coast, thence west 20 chains, thence north 28.09 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 28.09 chains.

WILLIAM BENJAMIN VAUGHAN.
September 12th, 1911.

LAND ACT

DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 3.

Take notice that Mrs. Sciota Jane Roland, of Bella Coola, married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the N. E. corner of the Nusscrek Indian Reserve, situated about 10 miles from Bella Coola, thence north 20 chains, thence east to shore line of North Bentinck Arm 40 chains, more or less, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to post of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less.

MRS. SCIOTA JANE ROLAND,
B. PHILIP JACOBSEN, Agent.
Sept. 8th, 1911.

LAND ACT

COAST DISTRICT, RANGE 1.

Take notice that William Dalziel Duke, of Victoria, farmer, I, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands, about 180 acres: Commencing at a post planted on the southwest corner of Lot 630, thence south 30 chains to northwest corner of Lot 629, thence east 60 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 60 chains more or less to point of commencement.

WILLIAM DALZIEL DUKE.
October 9th, 1911.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—For sale, thoroughbred brood mare, sired by King Patchen out of Arabella. Apply to C. F. Banfield, 402 Skinner street, Victoria