

AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISS

COMPANY HAS IMPORTANT SCHEME

Stock and Vegetables to be Raised in Vicinity of City.

Wednesday's Daily. The first duties which a citizen should fulfill is the duty which is upon him of doing everything he can for the advancement of the city in which he lives and has his being and incidents his money. One of the best which a citizen can make in this is to support home industries of his ability and to see that none which can be spent in are not allowed to be spent.

Ever since the day when he became a citizen up to the present has been purchasing over \$0 per year vegetables and her flowers for the use of the United States and by means of thousands of dollars have gone out of the city which he goes to assist the development of the town.

The present state of the city is such that it is not remedied to some extent. A company has been formed which will use its energies and its capital to grow all kinds of vegetables.

The general manager of the company which has been formed is Mr. J. A. S. who is a nurseryman of world-wide fame, who hails from Dorchester, England.

During the last few years the company has practically taken all the land which has been awarded at the English show for the year 1907, in competition with the other exhibitors of the British Empire.

The majority of the prizes at the United Kingdom, Divisional directors of the company are Mr. D. Lewis Hall, Mr. J. D. Dean, the well-known agent and Wm. E. Laidlaw, manager of the B. C. Fertilizer Co.

is also secretary of the company. The company has purchased 107 acres of land, 70 and 103, in the vicinity of the city.

about seven miles north of the city and this land does not contain more than five acres of rock. The remainder of the land is a beautiful meadow which has been in cultivation and has been in the present moment in hay.

The company has been fortunate to secure the land at the very low price of \$20 per acre, which is \$10 dollars per acre less than the price which has been paid for the same land which the company's property.

of the company is to be divided into lots of 10 acres each, the price of which the company has bought under glass and will be reduced to the production of roses and other flowers.

By the autumn of this year the greater part of the field will be planted and all kinds of vegetables will be sown. Outside the field the first object which the company has in view is to grow the general public cannot find justly to take an absorbing interest in the fact that an enterprise has started which will divert at least \$100,000 a year from the foreign market and allow that insignificant amount to remain in circulation within the city.

It is a circumstance upon which the inhabitants of the island congratulate themselves. The object of the company is to encourage the nursery business, grow roses and vegetables for the market; the growing of all fruit and ornamental trees; to erect suitable greenhouses in their property for the growing high-grade cut flowers, carnations, etc., and also to supply the British Columbia and Northwestern markets.

The province imported one and a half million fruit and ornamental shrubs. For these an average of not less than \$25 each was being paid at least \$37,000 sent out of the island.

THE REDUCTION OF TOBACCO

The Minister Proposes Extensive Changes in Duties Now in Force.

March 17.—The Finance Department has proposed changes in the duties on tobacco as on chewing tobacco, 5 cents per pound instead of 25 cents. Cigars from the United States, \$2 on the thousand instead of \$5; cigars from the native country, \$2 per thousand instead of \$2 per thousand less than ten, and \$7; cigarettes from the United States, \$2.40 per thousand instead of \$1.50; cigarettes from the foreign market, 42 cents per hundred instead of 14 cents.

EST VICTIM OF TYPHOID.

Ernest Doria, parish priest of the parish of St. Joseph, died at the hospital yesterday from typhoid.

IMPORTATION OF PRISONERS

MAINLAND CRIMINALS TO BE LIBERATED HERE

Attorney General Bowers Returns Emphatic Answer to Council's Request.

The paternal solicitude of Hon. W. J. Bowers for the interests of Victoria was evidenced by a letter read at last night's meeting of the city council relative to the liberating in Victoria of mainland prisoners, confined in the local jail, and also to the sale of liquor on Sunday in the districts surrounding the city. Both matters were brought to the attention of the attorney-general by the city council, following reports from the health and moral committee.

In connection with the liberation of prisoners it has been pointed out that these people are being brought over from New Westminster to the local jail, owing to the overcrowding of the former institution, and on the completion of their terms are turned loose in this city. Victoria is thus, it is felt by many, being made a dumping ground for mainland prisoners. And according to Mr. Bowers this is to be continued.

Relative to the sale of liquor on Sunday in the districts surrounding the city, Mr. Bowers was more willing to concede the wishes of the council. He had, he said, given instructions to the superintendent of provincial police to strictly enforce the law as far as lies in his power. For the past two Sundays a special constable has been detailed to see to it that laws were observed in the districts concerning which complaint had been made.

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, conveying me two resolutions passed at your city council, in connection with the release of prisoners from the local jail, and also, the enforcement of the Sunday closing law in hotels in the surrounding districts, but, owing to the rush of legislative work, I have been unable to answer this letter heretofore.

I may say that, as far as releasing the prisoners in Victoria who were sentenced in other portions of the province is concerned, and owing to the congestion of the jail at New Westminster, it has been found necessary to bring several of the prisoners over to the Victoria goal and I regret to say that when the term of each prisoner has expired we have no control over them whatever, so far as sending them to other parts of the province is concerned. As soon as their term is up, of course, they are entitled to their release and it is optional whether they stay here or go to some other portion of the province or leave it altogether, and the same applies when a prisoner is released in New Westminster, for if he wishes he can at once proceed to Victoria.

I regret, therefore, that I cannot do anything in reference to having them released in the place at which they were convicted, as this would mean in some cases a great expense, as, for instance, the New Westminster goal is the goal for a large portion of the mainland and it would simply be out of the question for me to have prisoners returned to the place where they were convicted on the expiration of their term.

So far as the observance of the Sunday closing law in hotels is concerned, I may say that this matter has given me a great deal of thought as well as the superintendent of provincial police, who has given strict instructions to his provincial constable at Esquimalt to see that the hotels in that district are properly regulated, but, owing to the decisions which have been come to with regard to the term "traveler" by the magistrates, it has been difficult to entirely get control of the situation. However, I may say that the superintendent of provincial police is now thoroughly alive to the situation and the last few Sundays has sent a special constable to the locality surrounding the city.

RIOT IN FAIRBANKS. Western Federation Miners Interfere With Railroad Men—Clubs and Revolvers Used.

Fairbanks, March 17.—Members of the Western Federation yesterday molested men going to the creek and prevented the railroad men from loading baggage. Several rioters were clubbed.

Louis Dazaat shot five times at Deputy Phil Nord, who returned his fire. Both missed their aim. Several are in jail as a consequence of the riot.

INFANT TRAGEDY. Ottawa, March 17.—Germaine Lagena, a little girl aged three, to-day got hold of some purgative pills and before her mother noticed had eaten half of them. She died in two hours.

CAR SHORTAGE. Ottawa, March 17.—The inability of the C. P. R. to supply cars here is causing a big tie-up of the export grain, and the attention of the railway commissioners will be called to the situation.

Upwards of 1,500 cars are needed to handle the grain, for which orders have been given. A considerable portion of this may be sent via the lake route when navigation opens.

VESSEL TURNED FROM PORT. San Juan P. R. L., March 17.—The excursion steamer Oceana, of the Hamburg-American line, with 340 tourists on board, came into port yesterday, but the local quarantine officers refused permission for the passengers to come ashore because the steamer touched at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, where there has been yellow fever. The Oceana will go from here to Cuba.

PERFECTION CIGARETTES

You can save money by buying your FUGGIES, CARTS, WAGGONS, IN-CUBATORS, BROODERS, SCALES, KITCHEN CABINETS, from D. HAMMOND 1423 DOUGLAS ST. P. O. Box 124 VICTORIA, B. C.

TORN VESSELS FROM MOORINGS. Ice Broke Away in Osewaatchie River Carrying Everything Before It.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 17.—The ice went out of the Osewaatchie river here yesterday, carrying everything movable before it. Three vessels belonging to the Ogdensburg Coal and Towing Co. were torn loose from their winter moorings and landed on a sandbar in the St. Lawrence river abreast the city. Another vessel broke its lines and dragged anchor into the St. Lawrence. Ferry steamers have been trying to release the stranded boats.

ADMIRAL TO RETIRE. Commander of U. S. Battleship Fleet to Haul Down His Flag at San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 17.—A special dispatch from San Diego, Cal., contains news of an announcement to-day by Rear-Admiral Evans commanding the Atlantic fleet, that upon its arrival at San Francisco he would retire from the command of the fleet. This announcement was made at a special meeting of the board of directors of the Sovereign Bank at a special meeting yesterday finally decided that the wisest course to pursue in view of difficulties of the bank was to appoint a committee of representative shareholders to act with the board of directors in liquidating the business of the bank. This was not done, however, until two motions had been put, one asking for the appointment of a committee to endeavor to discover how the losses of the bank had been made, and the other to request the government to appoint a commission to make thorough investigations into the conditions that have brought the bank to its present pass.

WILL APPOINT COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH DIRECTORS IN LIQUIDATION BUSINESS.

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AWFUL RAPACITY OF HAYTIEN SOLDIERY

Critical Situation for Foreigners—Powers Dispatch Warships to Scene.

Paris, March 17.—Official dispatches received here from Hayti indicate that the situation there is still critical for foreigners. Mr. Carteron, the French minister, reports that fresh executions occurred last night, but he does not give the number. He says that previous to last night 27 men had been executed. He described Mr. Lecomte, the new minister of the interior, as "blood-thirsty." Further reprisals are feared, and there is still danger of an attack on the foreign legations and consulates.

The action of the directors in making an agreement with guaranteeing banks which have taken over the business of the Sovereign Bank was approved of by D. M. Stuart, former general manager of the bank, was not present, but it was elicited that Mr. Stuart was still liable for the double liability on shares he held of bank stock.

While the official statement made to shareholders did not in any way criticize the former manager, Amelia Parvis, president, in answering some inquiries, did not hesitate to place the responsibility for the present unfortunate state of affairs upon the shoulders of Mr. Stuart.

WOOLEN FIRM GOES INTO LIQUIDATION

Montreal Company Voluntarily Succumbs to Trade Depression—Capital \$110,000.

Montreal, March 17.—As a result of trade depression the Montreal Woollen Manufacturing Company has gone into voluntary liquidation. The company, which was founded in 1899, had offices in Montreal and mills at Beauharnois, Quebec, which in times of prosperity employ about 200 hands, manufacturing blankets, overcoatings and friezes.

It is expected that after a meeting of directors some compromise will be arranged with the creditors, and the resumption of business.

RUSSIAN COMMENT ON ARMADA'S TOUR

Girdling of World Shows Danger of War Has Disappeared.

St. Petersburg, March 17.—The Slovo says that the return of the American fleet as announced is as sensational as its departure for the Pacific. Apparently the Slovo thinks the danger of war has disappeared for it adds:

"While this arouses deep satisfaction in Europe, the preservation of peace is due to the display of the big stick of the United States, the prudence of Japan, and the good offices of Great Britain."

The Novoe Vremya says: "Whatever the original purpose, the cruise has done a service by a public exhibition of the American navy. We regret that the course of the fleet lies away from our shores, where it would meet with the warmest welcome."

SURVIVORS OF LOST BARQUE SILBERHORN

H. M. S. Shearwater Will Search Among Islands on Chilean Coast.

Iquique, Chile, March 17.—The British sloop of war Shearwater has arrived here from Victoria to search for possible survivors of the missing British barque Silberhorn, reported as having been burned at sea last August off the Chilean coast. H. M. S. Shearwater was ordered from Esquimalt by the British government to prosecute the search among the islands of Chile.

The vessel, which reported the loss of the Silberhorn, stated that she had been burned in the South Pacific about 150 miles from Valparaiso. Many of the islands along the coast, although uninhabited, are well supplied with live stock that would afford food for any number of survivors for a considerable time.

DIED FROM APPENDICITIS. New Westminster, March 16.—After having been a patient at the Royal Columbia hospital for the past five days, a young man named McTeer, of Central Park, died at that institution on Sunday afternoon from appendicitis. The deceased leaves a wife and baby.

YOUNG ROBERT SCOTT, who several weeks ago was injured by a falling tree at Port Moody, left the hospital to-day.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE

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WHIPPED UNWISELY. Renfrew School Principal Fined For Chastising Boy.

Renfrew, March 17.—Principal Ramsay, of the public school, was fined \$5 and costs for whipping severely and unwisely the son of Magistrate Dempsey. Young Dempsey had refused to obey orders and he also refused to submit to chastisement, on the advice of his mother for a side belt of \$20. The master whipped him on the legs until he held out his hand for one stroke.

DR. ROLLER WON BOUT. Seattle Wrestling Champion Defeated Jesse Westergaard in Two Straight Falls.

Seattle, March 17.—Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, last night won his wrestling bout with Jesse Westergaard, of Iowa, in two straight falls. He secured the first fall in twenty-four minutes, and the second came after an hour and two minutes.

The contest was pulled off in a Seattle theatre for a side bet of \$20, and the entire gate receipts, Oscar Marbet, a caller well known wrestler, officiated as referee.

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MUST PAY UP SHARES IN FULL

NEW FACTOR ENTERS YORK LOAN AFFAIRS

Call Issued by Defunct Company for Unsubscribed Capital.

Toronto, March 17.—Permanent shareholders of the defunct York Loan Company, whose stock was not fully paid, must contribute the unpaid portion of their shares. The total amount to be thus paid in is \$255,000.

There are 27,405 permanent shareholders, but some of these had paid up the stock in full. The great majority of the permanent shareholders had paid for only half of their stock. They will, therefore, have to pay in, or be debited with, practically 50 per cent. of their subscribed stock.

The general body of the shareholders will, it is thought, receive total dividends amounting to probably 50 per cent.

The first dividend can be arranged for as soon as George Kapelle, the referee, has given his last decision, which will be next week. It will take, however, between six months and a year to make out the accounts of the 120,000 shareholders so that it will be about the end of the year before the shareholders get anything.

The final dividend can hardly be paid for four or five years.

FOR POLITICAL OFFENCES.

Paris, March 17.—The cabinet has prepared and submitted to parliament a bill granting a general amnesty to all those who committed political offenses in the summer of 1907 in connection with the viticultural crisis in the south of France.

ARE CHARGED WITH MALTREATING SAILOR

Two Men From Pass of Killikranks on Trial in Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, March 17.—"Duke" Hickman and Gunderson, both sailors, have been arrested by the sheriff on a warrant charging them with maltreating F. Harmering, a German sailor, who signed aboard the British ship Pass of Killikranks, and was being taken out by them to join the vessel.

Harmering was beaten in the face with a bottle and jumped into the bay from the small boat, he claims, to save his life. Accused were bailed out at \$500 each. The cases are set for to-day.

CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TONS OF SAWDUST

Contractor and Italian Killed When New York Structure Collapsed.

New York, March 17.—The collapse of the ceiling and walls of a refrigerator room under repairs at the Babst Westside bottling works, on West 49th street, yesterday, buried the force of five men in the room under tons of sawdust.

Joseph Turner, the contractor in charge of the repairs, and an unidentified Italian, were killed. Three other men were caught by and buried in the debris, and were more or less seriously hurt, and one of them may die as the result of internal injuries.

CHAMPION DOGS FOR VICTORIA SHOW

Colin F. Jackson Returns From England With Valuable String.

Vancouver, March 17.—Colin F. Jackson has returned from a visit to England and brought some valuable dogs which he intends to enter for the Victoria show next month. Champion Katriene Whist is a dandy dinnout of Katriene Vanda, and is from the famous Biagg kennels in Staffordshire. This dog won everything in his class in the English shows last year, and is expected to repeat his successes in the west.

The peculiarity of this breed is that they fight viciously among themselves, and Mr. Jackson has already lost two valuable animals through kennel fights.

A beautiful Scotch collie is Ballynet Student, by Parabola Professor. The third of the string is a collie bitch, called Ormskirke Hollyhook, the product of the Strathes kennels at Ormskirke. Her pedigree includes five champions in two generations, and she has every indication of a high class dog.

The fourth of the new arrivals, an Alredale terrier, is Champion Midland Royal.

ARMED SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Vancouver, March 16.—Edward Rodgers, arrested for carrying a gun, was released to-day upon the payment of a \$5 fine imposed by Magistrate Williams. Rodgers wore a heavy belt loaded with cartridges and carried the gun in a holster. The police suspected him of connection with other offences, but there was no evidence.

He told the court that he wanted the gun to take out to Burnaby lake. He admitted carrying it about town for several days.

PARSNIP POISONING.

Vancouver, March 16.—Mike Owens, a workman on the V. V. E., died to-day, being poisoned by the parsnip root. Two companions recovered.

PORTUGUESE PLOT DENIED.

Lisbon, March 17.—The reported discovery of a plot to establish a military dictatorship here is officially denied.

BANK ROBBERS ARRESTED. Men Who Looted Mexican Institution of \$300,000 Have Been Secured.

El Paso, Tex., March 17.—A telegram from Justin Crowl, manager of the Banco Minero, of Chihuahua, Mex., that the local branch of that bank received here yesterday, says the robbers who recently secured \$235,000 from the bank have been arrested and that the stolen money had been located, but not yet recovered.

CALLED TO ENGLAND. (Special to the Times).

Montreal, May 17.—Rev. H. F. Plummer, who for four and a half years has been assistant minister at St. George's church, will return to England, having accepted the living of Redline, near Salisbury.

ANOTHER SLUMP IN DIAMONDS. Kimberly, March 17.—Owing to a slump in the Dutoits Pan mine, in Cape Colony, which is a part of the De Beers property with a small output of the choicest diamonds, it has been decided to close down on April 24th until there is a revival in the demand.

WILL EXPEND LARGE SUM IN B.C. FURTHER ESTIMATES IN FEDERAL HOUSE

Many Notable Improvements For Different Points Throughout Province.

(Special to the Times) Ottawa, March 17.—The supplementary estimates have been presented to parliament for the year ending March 31st, 1908. They total \$5,325,623.

Among the British Columbia items are: Fernie public buildings, \$10,500; Campbell River wharf, \$3,000; Upper Fraser river, \$15,000; Columbia river, \$10,000; harbors, rivers and bridges generally, \$2,500; Victoria harbor, dredging, removal of rocks, etc., \$4,000; telegraph line, Kamloops, Nicola, Penticton lines, improvements, \$1,000; gasoline launches for British Columbia, \$2,700; there is \$10,775 for the Japanese losses at Vancouver and \$37,000 for