

PEOPLE AND PLACES

THERE are said to be more motor-cars in Victoria, British Columbia, than in any other city of its size in the world.

PUGWASH, N.S., has had a bear hunt in the public streets. This was not an escaped tame bruin but a genuine wild live bear that got into town by accident and afterwards into the water where he was pursued and captured by that extremely civilised and tantalising conveyance known as a motor-boat. A town where they hunt wild bears inside the town limits with motor-boats has some features that ought to attract tourists.

spent every little while to bring this United States enterprise to a conclusion.

AUTOMOBILES will now be made in Winnipeg. The new car will be the first yet made on any but a home-made basis anywhere west of Ontario. Twenty-five years ago Red River carts were made in large numbers in Winnipeg.

THE most versatile Chinaman in Canada lives in Montreal. This is Lee Johnston, who not long ago was a Montreal policeman, before that a special agent for the Dominion Express Company, and before that again was engaged in life insurance and

nearly seven hundred miles long. Simon Fraser began the tortuous journey over the course on May 28th, 1808, he had nineteen voyageurs, two guides and two lieutenants.

VICTORIA, B.C., has received a thousand bunches of bananas from Mexico. These are the first Mexican bananas ever shipped to the Canadian Pacific coast. Mexican bananas are said to be as good as any that have formerly been shipped overland by long railroad haulages from the Gulf of Mexico.

MR. J. G. SCOTT, manager of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway, was banqueted in Quebec because he had built five hundred miles of railway over a fifteen-hundred-foot height of land in order to traverse the Laurentide mountains.

THE *Saturday Sunset* of Vancouver hedges at Chatham, Ont., for deporting Englishmen unable to find work, and tolerating negroes who since the day Chatham was the terminus of the "underground railway," have made a large percentage of the population in that city. The editor alleges that Chatham is half negro and that a white woman is not safe alone on the streets at night because of negroes. The facts of the case are that Chatham has a thousand less negroes now than she had twenty years ago; that half the negro population of Chatham has gone to Windsor and Detroit; that negro assaults on white women in Chatham are a thing unheard of; that though Chatham negroes have several separate churches and once had both a separate public school and collegiate institute, now negro children attend school with the whites and the colour line is never talked of.

MR. RENNIE, the wealthy Canadian who recently jumped overboard from a steamer and was drowned near Hong Kong, seems to have been a living book of information about mediaeval Western Canada. He was the private secretary to Premier Norquay, of Manitoba, in 1885, and secretary to both James J. Hill and Donald A. Smith, now Lord Strathcona. The plunge made in the seventies by the two railway magnates to get hold of the road projected from Minneapolis to Manitoba was intimately known to Mr. Rennie. In the words of a despatch: "Mr. Rennie sat at a table in a small room in a St. Paul hotel, the atmosphere thick with tobacco smoke, and drew up and witnessed the signatures of the document that proved to be the basis of the vast fortunes of Donald A. Smith and J. J. Hill."



Landseekers are thick these early summer days on the western trails.

EDMONTON now has an inclined railway. Any one who has ever attended a baseball game in Edmonton will be inclined to think that it is high time Edmonton had an inclined railway. For as many years as Edmonton has been a town of any consequence the inhabitants regularly descended by actual count one hundred and fifty-nine wooden steps to get to the river flats where the game was played; when the game was over half the population of the town patiently and puffingly mounted the one hundred and fifty-nine steps of the long wooden staircase again. A few ambitious and prosperous citizens, however, succeeded in overcoming that difficulty by building houses on the cliffs overhanging the ravine and from broad piazzas they watched the game free of charge and minus the labour of the wooden staircase. The inclined railway cost thirty thousand dollars—which would have been more than enough to buy the whole town twenty-five years ago.

THE cable station at North Sydney, N.S., handles more cablegram messages in a day than any other station in the world. More than fourteen thousand under-water messages were pumped into Sydney in one day last week, which was a total of more than one hundred and forty thousand words averaging for twenty-four hours nearly a hundred words a minute. A large number of these cablegrams were stock exchange talks between New York and London.

CHINESE in Vancouver own three million dollars' worth of property and save nearly two hundred thousand dollars every year. As there are about twelve thousand Chinamen in the province the average wealth of a Vancouver Celestial is two hundred and fifty dollars. This is not evenly distributed, however, since Lee Yuen owns up to having made twenty thousand dollars in one year out of the manufacture of opium; also Wong Lung claims nineteen hundred dollars a week damages for the closing of his theatre and restaurant during the Oriental riots last fall.

AN Indian national day will hereafter be observed by the red men of the Six Nations. This is the result of a Victoria Day celebration at Oneida, Ont., where a large number of these patriotic copper-skinned congregated with felicitations on the progress of the Empire which they helped to inaugurate in Canada a few hundred years ago. The Indian holiday will be held on September the twenty-fifth.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has conferred a boon on Fort Frances by asking Congress to override his veto on the construction of a dam on the United States side of Rainy River for the purpose of making paper cheaper than it can be made by the paper trust. The dam will proceed. Fort Frances on the Canadian side of the river will be enabled to notice hundreds of thousands of dollars being

starch, and is now a prosperous family grocer. Lee's former home is St. John, where he began his prosperous and versatile career in the usual way by running an ordinary wash-house. He is now on his way to China to get a wife.

MR. HAMAR GREENWOOD has been giving the English the short story of his career in Canada. He indulges in considerable radiant satire at the expense of the village locally known as Spodunk, where it seems he taught school; where as he alleges being the schoolmaster he was eligible to sing in the choir, help run the Sunday school, to be best man at most of the weddings, godfather at baptisms and chief mourner at funerals. This retrospect of Mr. Greenwood's is part of a speech which he has delivered in Canada.

JUST on the eve of an election in which Ontario Conservatives expected that Ontario Liberals would be relegated to the political museum, Mr. E.



Between Dufferin City and Pine City—Specimen of a new road chopped and built along the line of one of the new railways in Northern Ontario.

G. Whitney, brother of the Premier, presented to the University of Toronto three valuable works on the arts and monuments of ancient Egypt; also a superbly illustrated catalogue of the museum at Cairo.

ONE hundred years ago this month the Fraser River was discovered in British Columbia. The discoverer was Simon Fraser, who was a fur trader occupying a remote trading post known as Fort George in the Cariboo mountains. The Fraser, which is next in importance to the Columbia, is

A MUSICAL society for the Province of Saskatchewan has been organised at Regina. Yearly festivals will be held at various points in the province. Certified members of any choir or choral society or orchestra anywhere are eligible to join.

CONTRACTS for the cutting of two hundred thousand telegraph poles will be let by the Canadian Northern Railway in British Columbia. The number of miles these poles will measure when set up along railways may be figured out.