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BETTER, BIGGER FAIR THAN EVER BEFORE

Agricultural Association Will
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(From Saturday's Daily)
The B. C. Agricultural association will lose no time in making arrangements for the erection of new and more suitable and commodious buildings to replace those recently destroyed by fire. Not only will every effort be made to have the buildings in readiness for the forthcoming fair, but attention will be paid to making every department of this year's show the best in the history of the association. It is expected to spend about \$50,000 on the new buildings, a main building, machinery hall, poultry shed, dairy building, increased racing stables and cattle sheds, and a restaurant.
At a special meeting of the association held last evening at the city hall to discuss what steps should be taken in view of recent destruction of the fair buildings, the utmost enthusiasm prevailed. The determination was generally expressed that the annual fair should not only be held but should be made better than ever. The executive committee, consisting of Dr. Tolmie, George Sangster, Mayor Morley and J. Smart, was requested to act as a committee, with power to add to its number, to obtain the necessary data and to report to another meeting to be held not later than March 1. Data will be secured from all the leading Canadian cities where fairs are held and the report is to have the plans prepared so that from year to year it will be possible to make additions. The association is of the opinion that the plans to be prepared should be comprehensive in every detail. With this end in view the committee desires that any person having suggestions to make relative to the best method of improving the fair and making the buildings what they are intended to be, thoroughly suited to the fair, should communicate with the secretary, Mr. Smart.

Mr. Helmcken Writes
On calling the meeting to order Mayor Morley read a letter from H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., expressing the latter's regret at not being able to attend the meeting. In his letter Mr. Helmcken said:
"I always have been an ardent believer in the benefits to be derived from the holding of the agricultural exhibition and I have been a party to all the exertion that has been put forth to make the association the success it has proved to be and after the corporation had expended so much money on the buildings, it is much more than the slightest disposition to discontinue the construction of such buildings.
"I am of the opinion that it would be desirable to re-affirm a resolution for the holding of the next annual exhibition and that it would be desirable to have the new buildings erected in keeping with the importance of the city of Victoria, and for this purpose a special committee should be appointed to gather all necessary data and to report to another meeting. The result of their inquiries so that in the erection of new buildings, Victoria would have the latest, up-to-date buildings in the west."
Mr. Helmcken desired the members of the association to know that he is in perfect sympathy with the maintenance of the Agricultural show for the city.

Approves Suggestions
Mayor Morley thought that the meeting could do nothing better than to follow Mr. Helmcken's suggestion. The association had suffered what looked like a considerable loss, but recent fire would, he thought, prove a blessing in disguise. The buildings were old, and unsuited to a fair of the size of that of Victoria. Now the association had opportunity of making a complete up-to-date layout. The old buildings had been huddled together with no semblance of order or utility. Let the new buildings stand out about the best in the history of the city. He thought that the new buildings should be built in such manner that the money would not be put into one single building but into several.

There Will Be Fair
George Sangster called attention to statements which had been published in a Vancouver paper to the effect that Victoria would have no fair this year. It had never been suggested that there should be no fair. A resolution re-affirming the desirability of holding the fair this year was unanimously and enthusiastically passed.
The mayor stated that about \$10,000 insurance would be collected on account of the old buildings. He did not think that the money would be used to make the fair the best in the country.
It was explained by the secretary that the ownership of the land and buildings is vested in the city and the agricultural association did not shoulder any responsibility other than to keep the show running.

All Data Possible
Dr. Tolmie suggested getting all data possible from other Canadian cities and a comprehensive plan not only for the immediate future but for future years. Unless something of this nature were secured the buildings would be as big a jumble as before.
James Mantion thought that possibly the agricultural hall could be located nearer the centre of the city where it could be used for other purposes. As it is at present the hall is only used for a week and stands idle the balance of the year. Where it is located nearer the heart of the city it could be made a revenue producer. Mr. Mantion suggested somewhere in the neighborhood of Quadra street.
Dr. Tolmie was not in favor of moving the hall from the fair grounds. He declared, however, that he possessed one of the finest fair grounds in the country. In other cities the grounds were scattered farther away from the city than was the case here. While the grounds may at present be somewhat far out, the city is rapidly growing, and the time is not far distant when the grounds will be right inside the city. In Vancouver it is proposed to erect buildings for fair purposes quite four miles from the centre of the city. But he wished to impress upon the

meeting, the necessity of getting all data before a nail is driven. Dr. Tolmie said that before the end of February he expected to visit all the leading cities in Eastern Canada and he would get all details possible.

What Calgary is Doing
George Sangster pointed out that Calgary had done more than half the size of Victoria has recently passed a bylaw to raise \$35,000 for the purpose of the Dominion fair this year and he thought that Victoria could take a leaf from Calgary's book.
In view of the fact that the provincial government has made a grant to the New Westminster fair it was suggested that perhaps the government would also contribute something to the Victoria fair, as soon as the plans have been obtained the association could then go to the government and city with a request for financial aid.

Ask Government Aid
Dr. Tolmie also suggested that the secretary be instructed to go ahead and prepare for this year's show and the executive committee may be given authority to make a preliminary financial aid towards the new buildings.

Suggestions were made as to improvements which should be made for the forthcoming fair. Better accommodation is required for the poultry exhibit, and a large open department will be given more commodious quarters. Those interested in the different departments are requested to send in their suggestions to the secretary in order that the full plans may be given in order that the full plans are being drawn up.

Dr. Tolmie declared that what was wanted was to make the Victoria fair the best in the Dominion. The fruit, poultry, sheep, and in fact every one of the rapidly growing industries, should be featured and brought to the attention of the many visitors. Sports should also be encouraged and everything done to make the fair what they all wanted it to be, the best of its kind in the Dominion. Efforts will be made to interest every district on the island and mainland and while it was pointed out that there is little probability that the smaller fairs would close and join in with Victoria, yet it was not over-estimated that more co-operation could be shown. In the matter of prizes it was suggested that in the fruit exhibit, new varieties be given prizes, and all growers would be given prizes. All these details will be worked out by the committee and will be considered at the next meeting.

Committees Appointed
After the meeting had adjourned the executive committee consisted of several of the members of the association remained a few minutes and the following committee was named to go into the question of buildings and will pass upon the data collected. Mayor Morley, George Sangster, Dr. Tolmie and J. Smart of the executive, and in addition the following gentlemen: Ald. Weston, Henderson, Charles Moore, J. Bothwell, J. Anderson, Chris. Sorenson and W. Lorimer. It is expected that at least \$50,000 will be spent on erecting the necessary buildings.

Those present at the meeting were: Mayor Morley, George Sangster, James Mantion, J. Bothwell, Dr. Tolmie, J. B. Anderson, H. Reid, William Baylis, W. B. Nachtrieb, William Noble, Ald. Weston, Henderson, Charles Moore, J. Bothwell, J. Anderson, Chris. Sorenson, W. Lorimer, D. Spencer, J. Smith.

FUNERAL INTERRUPTED

Runaway Team With Heavy Wagon
Comes in Collision With Hack
in Procession

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—A runaway meat delivery team attached to a heavy wagon dashed into the funeral procession today while the remains of a Canadian miner were being taken to the cemetery. The wheel of the wagon locked with those of a heavily loaded cab, and the two rigs were carried along the street till they collided with a motor car. Robert Gilbert, the hack driver, was badly injured. Other occupants of the cab escaped with bruises. The wagon was wrecked.

Injured a Chinaman
Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Rudolph Grauer was arrested today, charged with putting out the eye of a Chinaman whom he assaulted.

Anti-Tuberculosis
New Westminster, Jan. 3.—The New Westminster branch of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society will meet on Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock at the board of trade hall. In addition to the transaction of regular and routine business, an address will be heard from Dr. C. Fagan, provincial medical health officer.

Lutheran Gathering
New Westminster, Jan. 3.—The Swedish Lutherans of this city and district are convening in a three-day session at the church on their faith on the south side of the river. Many prominent speakers, several of them from the United States, are in attendance. The proceedings will wind up with a monster meeting in the I. O. O. F. hall on Sunday evening.

From Natural Causes
Vancouver, Jan. 3.—A post-mortem examination on the body of the late George Black, who was found in a sporting house at 133 Harris street early Wednesday morning, was conducted last night. There were no evidence whatever of violence and death will be assigned to natural causes. Heart failure was the direct cause.

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD

Destroyer Covered Forty-four Miles
in an Hour on Recent Steam
Trials

The new ocean-going destroyer Tartar returned to Woolston Works, Southampton, last night, says the London Standard of December 18, on the completion of her official trials over the Maplin measured mile, and at sea her trials were brilliantly successful. The vessel's speed for six runs over the measured mile was 55.65 knots, and for six hours continuous steaming 35.363 knots.

The highest speed attained for an individual mile was 57.037 knots, or 105.26 miles an hour, by establishing a world's record. Messrs. Thornycroft were the builders of the vessel, for which the stipulated contract speed was 33 knots.

PROVINCE'S DISPLAY IN YORKSHIRE CITY

Letter From Martin Burrell Received by Minister of Agriculture

A letter has been received by Hon. B. G. Tatlow from M. Burrell, who is at present assisting R. M. Palmer, the provincial horticulturalist with the fruit exhibit in England. He refers to the success which attended the exhibit in Leeds.

The fact that Australia has an elaborate permanent exhibit in the Yorkshire city makes it more important that British Columbia should make a good impression in that important centre. Mr. Burrell's letter was as follows:

"I have just arrived in London again after exhibiting at York and Leeds cattle shows. Very large numbers of people attended these shows and an excellent opportunity was afforded of disseminating information about the province. While the average Englishman has a very vague idea indeed of British Columbia, the sight of our fruit never fails to arouse a keen interest, and I hardly see how a more effective way could be adopted to attract the attention and interest of those who are at all inclined to move to the outer portions of the Empire from the old land.

The enclosed item from the Yorkshire Post may be of some interest. The first day of the show, the Lord Mayor made an appointment with me and what I expected would be a ten minutes' talk, he gave me an hour and a half's talk of an extremely interesting character. Leeds is the centre of a tremendous manufacturing power, and has a population of about half a million. The mayor, is keenly interested in Canada, and a warm advocate of her cause in England. I sent him up a case of our apples, and as he was having an official dinner on the following day, he said he would only be too delighted to use them at that time and direct the attention of the guests to them as an evidence of British Columbia's resources in a horticultural direction.

"Australia had an elaborate exhibit at Leeds and is making a big bid for English emigration. Queensland, offering a passage to Brisbane for agriculturists, including their families for five pounds, but makes it obligatory for each such person to have fifty pounds capital. The weather here at present is very rough and wet. I am glad to say that I am feeling in better health, and that the progress of the post office building by the extension of the present structure to cover the yard space at the rear of the building. The plans for the change have been prepared, and submitted to the planning department at Ottawa. The growth of the city has rendered the addition necessary, but what is considered by the British Columbia people as a addition to the overworked staff of the local postoffice. Since the Christmas rush of mail began the staff has been stretched to the limit, and the amount of matter being so great that the clerks were swamped.

DIAMOND WEDDING

FALLS ON CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke
Are Still in Enjoyment of
Perfect Health

(From Saturday's Daily)
Mr. and Mrs. William Clarke, of 943 Yates street, celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary yesterday. After spending over 43 years of their wedded life in Victoria. Although Mr. Clarke is in his eightieth year and his wife is in her seventy-third, they are both in the enjoyment of perfect health and unimpaired faculties.
A colonist reporter called at their comfortable house on Yates street yesterday afternoon and found Mr. and Mrs. Clarke at home. From her appearance it was hard to believe that she should have been married for sixty years, though, of course, there is no doubt of the fact. Time has dealt very lightly with her, and there are many ladies twenty years her junior who are less spry and active. She gives the Victoria club a good deal of trouble, and long ago had they stayed to face the cold winters of eastern Canada.

They were married at Owen Sound, coming to Victoria by way of Panama. They arrived in Victoria in 1864, and Victoria was little more than a village, and the Hudson's Bay fort was almost the sole source of supplies. The Clarke family had a small store, now occupied by a laundry, but thinking that was too near to town they sold their home and built the one they now occupy on the same street.
During that time, apart from business trips to the mainland, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have lived continuously in Victoria. She says she once visited Seattle, but though they liked the people she saw only the more certain that Victoria is the only place to live in.
Mr. Clarke is a carpenter and contractor and still goes to his work every day. He thinks that steady work is the best cure for ailments, and is sometimes attend age. Just now he has a contract getting out rock, and he attends to all his business himself. They have been two children of the marriage. Their daughter, Mrs. Clark, died a couple of years ago. Their daughter, Mrs. Charles Minckler, is still living and resides across the bay.

NEW SCHOOL IN VICTORIA

Queen's School Will Remove From
Vancouver and Will Locate in
This City

R. V. Harvey, headmaster of Queen's school, Vancouver, has decided to remove to Victoria, and will open January 13, with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, who have been in the fourth of last term. This will make the fourth boarding school for boys in Victoria, and is evidence, if any was needed, of the belief among the educationalists that this city is the natural centre of such work.

Mr. Harvey being a keen believer in sports, will strengthen the hands of those who are endeavoring with marked success to train the boys of the city to take an active part in games. Whilst for the present conducting his school under the old name, and keeping his establishment wholly separate, Queen's School will amalgamate with University school upon the completion of the latter's extensive buildings for the latter, which is expected the company, now organized, will be able to complete within the year.

Children Help Hospital
New Westminster, Jan. 3.—"For sweet charity's sake," a number of young children of this city have decided to band themselves together for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining the children's ward, which is to be built in the new Royal Columbian hospital.

Nothing Else to Do
A Boston minister tells of a little friend of his who, one day, proudly displayed for his admiration a candy can.

IRREGULAR NOMINATIONS

Men Named for Vancouver License
Committee Needed to Give
Necessary Papers

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Further investigation into the irregularity of the nominations for license commissioner presented to City Clerk McQueen yesterday shows that, if the point is pressed

that all candidates must conform to the same procedure as majority candidates regarding property qualifications, the law of the nomination papers of all four of the candidates now before the electorate.

The demands of the charter require that property qualifications shall be attested to the city clerk through a certificate of the district registrar, covering the land office records, and a statement of the city treasurer as to the assessed valuation of the property. George Macdonald took the precaution of procuring the registrar's certificate, and it was on the presentation of this document that the point as to the necessity of property qualifications for the office was raised, and the claim made that the other nominations were irregular. A flaw in Mr. Macdonald's nomination develops, however, in the fact that he did not accompany his papers by the city treasurer's certificate. It would appear, therefore, that the entire list of candidates for the license commission are in the same boat as far as regard regularity of nomination.

YUKON RIVER FREIGHT GETS THROUGH SAFELY

None of it Held at American Customs
Office at Skagway This
Year

In past years a quantity of the freight shipped from Victoria to points along the Yukon has usually been held up by the American customs officials at Skagway on various pretexts, one of the most usual being insufficiently insured. This year, however, all the freight was gotten through successfully as the following letter to the secretary of the board of trade from Inspector E. S. Bushby, shows:

Secretary, Board of Trade, Victoria, B. C.
Dear Sir,—I have the honor to inform you that I have cleared the present season of navigation on the Yukon river, that no goods which had been shipped from Victoria to points on the Yukon, British Columbia and Yukon Territory, via Skagway, had been held by the United States customs at Skagway, all goods having been forwarded to destination.
The above information I feel will be of interest to the merchants and shippers of the Port of Victoria, and should be gratifying to them considering the large amount of business done from that point.

Post Office Enlargement.

As announced in these columns about a month ago, preparations are being made for the enlargement of the post office building by the extension of the present structure to cover the yard space at the rear of the building. The plans for the change have been prepared, and submitted to the planning department at Ottawa. The growth of the city has rendered the addition necessary, but what is considered by the British Columbia people as a addition to the overworked staff of the local postoffice. Since the Christmas rush of mail began the staff has been stretched to the limit, and the amount of matter being so great that the clerks were swamped.

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STEAM SCHOONERS ARE BEING TIED UP

Big Percentage of Coasting Fleet Dis-
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Hard times have come for the coasting schooners which ply between Pacific coast ports of the United States, a distressing type of vessel, which about 75 are used, and ten or twelve have already been tied up with the prospect that at least twenty more may go into retirement for a time, all on account of the slackness of the trade, and the high wages demanded by crews. Many coasting sailing vessels are also being tied up.

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The timber used for shipbuilding is variously known as Douglas fir, yellow fir and Oregon pine; though practically the same in its general characteristics. The wonderful growth of the trees with girths of over thirty feet, reaching a height in some instances of 300 feet, one-half of which is without a limb and of comparatively slight taper, is perfectly straight and true, grain of the wood is close fiber, toughness, strength and elasticity practically equal to white oak, and superior to the yellow pine of the Southern States, combined with a light weight.

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WILL START GRADING ON E. & N. EXTENSION

Railway Will Commence Work
on the First Ten Miles
Immediately

The grading of the first ten miles of the E. & N. extension to Alberni will commence at once. Word to that effect has been received by the provincial government from R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P.R. in this province. The ten miles referred to are from Wellington, the present terminus, to the head of Nanosae Bay.

The decision is important as it ensures a supply of work for all those engaged in the construction of the provincial government of the necessity of undertaking any but the more pressing and necessary of public works. The government has been coping with the unemployment which has accompanied the work and has been found for all bona fide Canadians desiring it.

Some time ago, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, on behalf of the provincial government, corresponded with the E. & N. officials upon this subject. He pointed out that the reports of there being unemployed in Vancouver and elsewhere would have a bad effect on the immigration of prospective settlers and urged the railway to proceed with its Alberni extension as soon as consistent.

The matter was referred to Montreal and instructions have been received to proceed with it at once. The telegram reads as follows:

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 3, 1908.
R. G. Tatlow, Victoria, B.C.
Received instructions to proceed at once with the grading of the first ten miles of the E. & N. railway extension to Alberni. This covers from Wellington to the head of Nanosae Bay. Please inform premier of this decision.

(Sgd.) R. MARPOLE.
This means that in addition to 600 men who before long will be at work upon the task of clearing the right-of-way, that almost as many more will be required for the purpose of grading the early completion of the extension, and should do much for Victoria merchants and business generally.

BOUGHT BY AMERICANS

Best of Art Treasures in Famous Ro-
dolph Kanne Collection to Cross
the Atlantic

New York, Jan. 3.—Joseph Duveene, of Duveene Brothers, New York and London, the art dealers who purchased the Rodolph Kanne collection of art treasures for several million dollars last spring in Paris, is here from Europe to inspect Rembrandts in private collections in this city and compare them with the Rembrandts in Europe for the purpose of a series of articles to be published.

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New York Rent War

New York, Jan. 3.—Six hundred notices of dispossession proceedings were filed today from the municipal court today by the east side landlords as a retaliatory move against the tenants who decline to pay their rents until their demands for a reduction have been allowed. The statute law requires today that 12,000 families had refused to pay rent this month. Attorneys for the tenants propose to contest the dispossession cases tried separately. The tenants are planning a monster parade as a demonstration against the landlords, and it is estimated that fully 175,000 men, women and children will march.

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A list of the steam schooners owned in San Francisco appears in connection with the article. This list gives a total of 134 vessels owned in San Francisco alone, and 101 of which are completed and running, 25 under construction in shipyards on the Pacific coast, and 8 building in the east or on the way out from the east. These 134 vessels of a total of 61,105 net tons, and 65,897 indicated horse power, have a total carrying capacity of 89,765 square feet of lumber. The engineers, firemen, oilers and stewards of this fleet alone number 588 men.

Blairton Iron Mines to Work
Havelock, Ont., Jan. 2.—The Blairton iron mines, near here, will be opened soon. Ore will be taken to the Canadian Soo.

Killed by a Train

Quebec, Jan. 3.—The news comes of a terrible railway accident at Beauce Junction, where the cars were run into by a Quebec Central train and both man and wife were instantly killed. The family was accompanied by their ten-year-old daughter, but she escaped uninjured. The party were going to spend New Year's Day at the residence of a friend, when the terrible accident befell them.

Toronto Intolerance.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The appointment of two young ladies of the Roman Catholic faith as teachers on the re-dedicated staff of the public schools of Toronto lately caused a deal of commotion. The appointments were made without application on the part of the young ladies, and were accompanied by the superintendent of the kindergarten and Inspector James L. Hughes, who has made a big noise as a Catholic. The Roman Catholic public trustees on the public schools of the city as representatives of the Catholic students, who number close upon 2,000.

France and United States.

Paris, Jan. 3.—Negotiations for the conclusion of a definite commercial agreement between France and the United States are now proceeding so satisfactorily that the French government without any request on the part of the United States has extended the life of the decree which permits Porto Rican goods to enter France without payment of the minimum rate of duty until February 1. The pessimism which prevailed here at the beginning of the negotiations on account of what was regarded as disparaging remarks by the United States, has now been succeeded by a belief that an arrangement satisfactory to both countries will be reached.

Mount Temple Wreck.

Halifax, Jan. 3.—Commissioner Wallace has filed the decision in the case of the steamship Mount Temple, stranded on Bound island on November 1. The second officer is pronounced "grossly culpable" for his conduct, and on him is placed the responsibility for the loss of the steamship. The first officer is exonerated by, as he should have done, and for other negligence. The commission practically expresses regret that it has not the power to suspend the first and second officers' certificates. Captain Boothby is mildly censured for not having taken more soundings, though they may not have been obligatory, but he is not censured for discipline after the vessel stranded.

THE OXYRHYNCHUS GOSPEL.

Translation of Fragment Found by
Grenfell and Hunt Just Published.

London, January 1.—There has just been published for the Egypt Exploration Fund a translation of the fragment of the uncanonical Gospel discovered at Oxyrhynchus in December, 1905. The translation is made by Dr. Grenfell and Dr. Hunt, the Egyptologists, who date the fragment as about 200 A.D.

This new Gospel mainly consists of a conversation between Christ and a chief priest in the temple at Jerusalem. The episode is dramatic in character, and in its general outline suggests Matthew, xv. 1-20, and Mark vi. 7-13, in which the Pharisees reproach Jesus because his disciples did not wash their hands when they ate bread.

The fragment begins with the conclusion of a speech by Jesus to His disciples exhorting them to avoid the example of certain wrongdoers, and warning them of the penalties which are in store for wrongdoers in this world and the next. It runs as follows:—

"... before he does wrong makes all manner of subtle excuse. But his head lies low and he suffers the same things as they, for the evil-doers among men receive their reward not among the living only, but also among the dead. Now I have said unto you, 'Do not do as the Pharisees do.' And he took them and brought them into the very place of purification, and was walking in the temple.