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VISITORS INSPECT OUTSIDE PROPERTY

Real Estate Agents Have a Busy Day Around Suburbs of City

Yesterday might be termed "visiting day" in the local realty market. Many visitors, who have arrived in the city during the past week took advantage of the splendid weather to make excursions into the suburbs and inspect properties offered them for investment. Though it was a half holiday in many of the offices, business was not generally suspended in the afternoon as now of the agents were outside the city with clients.

The demand for acreage, both residential and horticultural is still insistent, the areas on the market being totally inadequate to supply it. As a result no outside sales were reported although yesterdays inspection trips are expected to result in several deals being put through in the Saanich peninsula.

Among yesterday's sales the following may be mentioned. Bond & Clark put through a deal involving 3 acres on Moss and Way streets, the purchaser being a new comer. This changed hands at $2,500 an acre and the new owner will build a fine residence immediately. The Croft property, facing the Gorge, also changed hands the buyer being Capt. E. S. Andrews, of Saskatoon, Sask. The consideration was about $5,500.

Alex. Calder, the well known Winnipeg labor contractor, is expected to return here next week. He intends erecting a house at once on two lots on Linden avenue which he purchased during his last visit.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Oscar Lucas Offers a Varied Line of Goods to the Public

Though Hastie's fair is a thing of the past, another and better emporium of the same character has just been opened on Douglas street. The proprietor, Oscar Lucas, was until recently, a well known newspaper man of this city, and, as such, secured an extensive acquaintance which will doubtless secure him a generous share of trade. With a stock both new and varied, all purchased for the new enterprise, Mr. Lucas commences with every prospect of success. He carries a full line of china, glass ware, and household utensils while specialties are made of confectionery and stationery departments, both of the latter being now fully stocked. The disorganization of the railway service has caused some delay in obtaining the complete lines of goods ordered in some of the other branches but the large and airy store even now is crowded with bargains. Mr. Lucas has secured the services of Miss Fleming, who for many years had charge of the sales department of the business of James Hastie.

Accident on E. & N.

An accident occurred on the E. & N. railway a short distance out of Langford station yesterday morning. The axle of one of the pairs of wheels on the tender of the engine broke, bringing the train to a standstill, and interrupting traffic for a couple of hours. Before the accident occurred, the train had slowed down, preparatory to stopping at Langford; in fact it is believed to have been the strain of the breaks on the wheels which caused the axle to give way. All the cars remained on the rails, and beyond the fact that some of the passengers received a rather rough shaking up, not the slightest harm was done. The work of getting the disabled engine out of the way was commenced just as soon as the extent of the damage became known. A telegram was sent to Ladysmith for a fresh locomotive, and within an hour and a half from the time the accident occurred, a freight engine had reached Langford, having made record time over the intervening fifty-five miles.

Large Stock Sales

Yesterday Band & Clark disposed of $12,000 worth of shares in the Silica Brick & Lime Co., Ltd., leaving only a small block available for purchase. The rest have been disposed of at par.

THREE MEN INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION

James Maddon and Two Friends Have Painful Experience at Home

James Maddon, an employee at the Standard Steam laundry, was severely injured by an explosion of gas on Friday night, while his friends Joseph Barber and Mr. Savage also received painful burns.

The three young men live together in a little one-storey house at Cordova and Quadra streets. Returning home late on Friday night, the three went to the pantry, and Mr. Maddon undertook to light the gas. The jet must have been leaking for some time, as no sooner was a light brought near it than there was a blinding flash, and Mr. Maddon was thrown violently to the floor.

When the gas had been safely lighted, it was found that his face was severely burned. His hair and eyebrows were singed, and his cheeks were a mass of blisters. His eyes were uninjured. Mr. Savage and Mr. Barber were also burned, though not so badly as Mr. Madden.

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LOCAL CHINESE SEND MONEY FOR SUFFERERS

Chinatown Residents Subscribe $2,010 in Two Hours for Famine-Stricken Countrymen

Local Chinese have subscribed $2,010 for the famine sufferers at Kiangpeh, Central China, and the money has been cabled to the Red Cross Society at Shanghai.

Wan Lee Mong Kow read in the Colonist of the serious famine which threatens so many thousands in Central China, he at once called a meeting in the rooms of the Chinese Benevolent Association, and within two hours the sum of $2,010 had been subscribed and cabled to Shanghai. A reply cablegram has been received, acknowledging the receipt and thanking the donors for their aid.

Several of the Chinese business houses subscribed a considerable portion of the money. Tai Yuen & Co., gave $500; Shon Yuen & Co., $250; Gim Fook Yuen, $200; Lee Mong Kow, a member of Shon Yuen & Co., $100, and the other sums contributed ranged from $5 to $50.

The Red Cross society at Shanghai to which the money was forwarded is a Chinese institution which did some valuable work during the recent war.

WILL PAY FINE

Empress of Japan Will Probably Pay Penalty for Delay with Mails

R. M. S. Empress of Japan, Capt. Pybus, will probably make up two days on her voyage to Hongkong. The steamer was four days late in leaving Vancouver. On her outward trip to Yokohama the Empress made a very fast run to the Japanese port, occupying less than 11 days, and arrangements were made, it is stated, to have the vessel proceed direct to Hongkong from Yokohama, omitting the usual calls at Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai. The Overseas Mail is due in Hongkong today, and the steamer is not expected to arrive until Tuesday morning at the earliest. There is a fine of £500 for each day's delay. It is not thought that more than £1,000 will be paid by the C. P. R. for the delay, perhaps less.

Steamer Umatilla arrived from San Francisco early yesterday morning, and proceeded to Seattle at 6 a. m., after landing 50 tons of general freight. Steamer Spokane, scheduled to sail last night for San Francisco, will not get away until 9 a. m. today.

Work on the steamer Princess Victoria has been almost completed. The repairs have been finished, and after the vessel has been painted she will be launched. It is expected the liner will be floated from the B. C. Marine railway on Wednesday or Thursday.

FIFTH WILL PARADE ON PAARDEBERG DAY

Soldiers Will March Through the City and the Band Will Play

The officers and men of the Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, will parade Monday, Feb. 18, to celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg.

Notice to this effect was given in a regimental order published yesterday by Capt. W. Ridgeway Wilson, adjutant, acting for Lt.-Col. A. J. Hall, the commanding officer. The men will assemble at the drill hall at 8 o'clock in the evening, and will thence march through the city. Drill order will be the rule so far as dress is concerned, and the band and officers of the staff will be in attendance.

On returning to the drill hall the prizes and awards won by the members of the regiment in the recent D. R. A. matches will be presented.

Notice is also given to the effect that a board of inquiry has been called to investigate the loss by fire of certain articles of uniform, the property of Gr. Robertson of No. 1 company, at Moresby Island, some time ago. The court will meet at as early a date as possible, at the call of the president. The personnel of the board is as follows: Capt. S. Booth, president; Lieut. C. J. Harris and Lieut. L. H. Garnett.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the adjourned meeting of the companies' and sergeants' messes will be held on Wednesday of the coming week, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Notice of promotions and alterations in the ranks of the regiment are given. The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment: Gr. Morton J. Mason, No. 19; Gr. J. G. Forster, No. 104; Gr. Ernest W. Tribe, No. 107; Gr. H. Baker, No. 108; Gr. G. Nott, No. 119; Gr. Fred. A. Graham, No. 126.

The following men having been granted their discharge are struck off the strength of the regiment: Gr. A. Reynolds, No. 104; and Acting Corpl. A. H. Johnston, No. 199.

The following men having been duly examined will be awarded certificates: For sergeant, Corpl. T. W. Ross; for corporal, Bomb. W. H. Spofford.

TO CARRY SALMON

Steamer Trafalgar Will Take 2,000 Tons of Salt Fish to Japan

Steamer Trafalgar, part laden with redwood from Eureka, Cal., arrived yesterday and proceeded to Vancouver to load 2,000 tons of salt salmon for Japan. Steamer Tartar of the C. P. R., which sails for the Orient on Wednesday, will also carry a shipment of salt salmon, about 1,000 tons. The Tartar will also have a large consignment of herring from Nanaimo. Owing to the demoralization of the freight traffic overland, the steamer will have a small outward cargo.

Victoria Man's Invention

A Canadian patent has just been received by Andrew Sheret, plumber, of Victoria, B. C., through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, on an improved drain board bracket. This invention has for its object the provision of a means whereby the drain board of an ordinary kitchen sink may be moved endwise backward on the bracket which supports it, to facilitate the cleansing of that end of the sink adjacent to the drain board. The device is simple and efficient. An interest in the patent has been acquired by the Robertson-Godson company, of Vancouver.

LIFE IN A SIBERIAN PRISON.

Winter, fanged and remorseless as winter is in these regions only, had fallen on Siberia with a sort of hungry vengeance, and lengthened the long journey interminably. Cooped up in a convict car, which was divided into some twenty small, badly ventilated cells, it seems a miracle that we did not perish miserably on the way. One or two emaciated wretches, bitten deeply by exposure and consumption, did succumb, while the remainder of my companions dwindled gradually in numbers as we crawled tortuously from station to station—prison to prison—over the barren leagues between Russia in Europe and the confines of the empire. Akatuf, a decrepit village at best, was more than half buried in snow when we—myself, two other prisoners, and guards—arrived, after sledging the last fifty-mile stage of the journey. Rising over the town at one end was the great prison, surrounded by high and massive walls, built, it is said, of material taken from the great wall of China. Half frozen, nearly famished, and wholly discouraged by the first glimpse of what was to be my residence for nearly two years, I was lodged in a roomy cell in company with two other prisoners of hope.

During the eighteen wretched months that followed, every spare moment we had was spent in planning an escape, but so heavy was the guard maintained over the town as well as the prison, and so vigilant were the soldiery, that two years passed before my dream of escape came true—two years of drudging, unremitting labor in the silver mines of the region: two years of rigor and hardships which only the strongest constitutions may possibly survive. Death, in fact, is a release which on a dozen occasions I have heard welcomed in our exile community there.—Gregori Gershuni, Russian Social-Revolutionary leader, in Leslie's Weekly.

AT THE NEEDLE'S POINT.

Once upon a time The Woman Who Sews received a gown home from her dressmaker in which the skirt pleats fell sadly awry. The skirt made many visits and return visits to the dressmaking establishment without appreciable betterment, and at the end the last state of these misplaced pleats was worse than the first.

Then The Woman Who Sews arose in her wrath, grasped the scissors and ripped those grievous pleats out entirely; pressed the skirt out flat, and with a carpenter's foot rule, aided and abetted by the dressmaker's tape measure and a piece of chalk, she made those pleats mathematically true, basted them, tried the skirt on, noted the slight deviations which her irregularities of figure imposed, corrected such and sewed the pleats after the correct fashion.

Then, in the first flush of pride which success brings, she announced to her husband that SHE, no dressmaker at all, had made the thing right when the professional dressmaker had failed, and wasn't it smart and clever of her, and all the rest of it.

To which the husband of The Woman Who Sews calmly responded: "Well, my dear, and why shouldn't you? If the dressmaker who botched that gown had received even a tenth of the education or a fraction of the money that has been lavished upon bringing you up, it is a sure and safe bet that she would not be dressmaking for you today; she would be giving orders herself to some other worker. What's the good of a woman's education, anyhow, if it does not teach her to sew?"

The collar is a far more important point in those separate blouses than the average maker calculated for. In the ready-to-wear productions, even in the most costly, many women of long and graceful necks find the collars provided totally inadequate, both from the point of size and fit. Make very sure that your pattern provides for a very little scoop taken out of the centre back at the neck: the design that presents a straight line at this point will make for an ill-fitting back.

In fitting the shoulder seams make sure that the part of the seam next the collar is pulled as tight as may be without producing wrinkles or discomfort. If the blouse be loose at this point, not "all the king's horses, nor all the king's men" can make the collar set as it ought to do.

The underarm seam must, if it is to follow the newest mode, slope well towards the front instead of toward the back, as most of the ready-mades do. The back piece, too, must display quite a semi-circle in outline where it joins to the front piece. Do not be afraid to pull this in as closely to the figure as it will stand, for the tacked down tucks and pleats provided in the centre front will afford sufficient fulness.

In basting in the sleeve for trying on, tuck it with the front arm seam about two or two and a half inches forward from the underarm blouse seam. Then try it on, swing the arm freely around and lift the hands up to the head. Any fault in adjustment will thus declare itself and may be remedied instantly.

In putting on the collar never full the collar to the blouse, but work on the opposite principle. Hold the collar tight and ease the blouse ever so slightly into the collar or band, whichever you elect to use. At no point, however, must the blouse be made so full that it wrinkles below the collar, and if such ensues, then the shoulder seams must be drawn up a trifle.

So many of the smart separate bodices partake of the nature of a jacket that the possession of at least one example of this mode will commend itself to every woman. It goes without saying that these are fashioned upon a fitted lining, and it is equally obvious that a silken lining is far and away the best. There is a good orkedo taffeta that can be purchased somewhere in the neighborhood of fifty cents the yard which yields excellent results. There is scarcely any town so small but what it boasts a dressmaking school, and here the home sewer can have a good lining cut for a dollar or two, and even have the featherbones machined in for a trifle more. Then with the waist lining already seamed and boned, the laying of the other material is but a small matter.

That these fetching little jacket bodices extend below the waistline makes the fitting of the lining a very important matter. The best of them, however, have a hip seam, where a little basquine of scant fulness is applied. The home maker will find this mode easier of successful accomplishment than might be the case where the line is unbroken from throat to hem. The following of the waistcoat fad, too, is an aid to amateurs, and brings the little garment up to the last moment in the matter of modishness as well.

HANDLING OF FREIGHT HAMPERED IN VICTORIA

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points traversed by the E. & N. railway. The little towns which owe their existence to the agriculture and mining resources of the sections of which they are the centre, are growing in importance. As an illustration of the progress that is taking place on all hands, he mentioned that a mill was in the course of construction at Cobble Hill, and its plans called for a plant having a capacity of some 30,000 feet of lumber a day. Another was to be erected at Cowichan. He could not say with how large a plant this industry would be equipped, but felt sure that it would be adequate. Thus at all points it was found that more activity was being displayed on the part of outside capitalists and residents in the direction of developing the wealth which Vancouver Island possessed to a greater extent, perhaps, than the majority of the other portions of British Columbia.

Market for Lumber

In regard to the timber industry, which has been going ahead by leaps and bounds in this locality, Mr. Goodfellow did not hesitate to say that the principal market for the output would be found in the Northwest. That, he said, was already the case, those engaged in milling, shipping by far a larger proportion of the finished article across the Rockies than is marketed within the boundaries of the province. But the supply was by no means equal to the demand. The rapid growth and development of the prairie sections was expected to continue for many years to come, and assured a practically inexhaustible market for British Columbia timber. Then there were the Orient, South American and other points where lumber could be sold profitably.

Questioned as to what steps the C. P. R. contemplate taking towards extending the E. & N. to the north end of the Island by way of Alberni, Mr. Goodfellow stated that he had heard nothing more than has already been published. In all probability R. M. Marpole, who was on his way from Montreal, would be in a position to make some authoritative announcement at an early date.

MISSED THE EARTHQUAKE

Thorold, Ont., Feb. 9.—Henry W. Northwood, of Winnipeg, and his bride, who, prior to December 26th last, was Miss Gussie Simson of Thorold, stopped off here on their way back from their wedding tour to Jamaica. At Kingston they stayed for five days at the Hotel Constant Springs, which was destroyed by the earthquake. They left Kingston to visit San Juan in Central America, and were due to get back to Kingston the very day the earthquake occurred, only they missed the steamer Prince Waldemar, which was to take them back, owing to being delayed by landslides on the railway through the Andes mountains.

NEW SHORHAND SYSTEM

London, Feb. 9.—Sir Edward Clarke, the prominent lawyer and member of parliament, has invented a new system of shorthand which he is about to have published in a cheap handbook. "My system," says Sir Edward, "is a simple adaptation of Taylor's system, which is so elaborate that one can only learn it from a teacher. Mine is so simple that it requires no teacher. Anybody can learn it by himself. One great distinction it has is there are no thick and thin strokes, so that it can be written with pen, pencil or stylograph." Sir Edward in his younger days was a newspaper shorthand reporter in the press gallery of the House of Commons.

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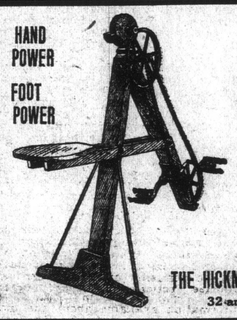

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