

WILL ESQUIMALT BE UNINHABITABLE?

NEW FORT MAY RENDER THE TOWN UNDEFENDABLE

Fortification of Signal Hill Said to Be in Contemplation During the Coming Year.

For some years it has been predicted that the extension of the naval and military fortifications at Esquimalt would ultimately involve the evacuation of Esquimalt as completely as though an enemy were bombarding her.

Now, however, the prediction alluded to seems likely to be realized, for it is said that the war office is about to undertake the fortification of Signal Hill, which overhangs the village of Esquimalt.

The hill is a big bluff which commands a view of the harbor, of the Straits and of the other points where batteries have been constructed.

For some time past, it is understood, a corps of sub-marine miners has been engaged under the direction of Capt. Bowdler, R. E., on a work which will rob the enemy of much of its significance.

By means of this modern means of communication the use of the more cumbersome system of signalling will be obviated and the chain of forts placed in ready communication with one another.

The completion of a fortress on Signal Hill will give the military authorities a chain of forts in the form of a triangle, which would be mutually protective in case one of them was threatened.

The first stopping place of the two enumerators was at McQueen's. Next they went up to Fraser Falls, which is a hundred miles farther up the Stewart.

Their journey took them to the Forks, 45 miles above the falls. The next point was Brain's trading post, 30 miles up the north fork of the Stewart.

Then they came back and went 90 miles up the south fork, which took them into the Rocky mountains. In the country covered by Garwood and Hourie they found the settlements very sparse indeed.

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A fifteen-foot vein of free milling quartz which can be traced for miles has been struck opposite No. 43 below on Hunker by George Mabin, and a tunnel opened on the property 187 feet. Mabin thinks he has struck it rich and leaves immediately for the outside with samples of the rock from a number of the claims in the vicinity, and will attempt to bond or float the group.

James Wishart, late of this city, had a hearing in Dawson a few weeks ago on the charge of stealing \$130. Wishart was exonerated.

THE GAZETTE. Announcements Made Last Night in the Official Organ.

The provincial Gazette, issued yesterday evening, contains the following announcements:

John V. Perks, hotel keeper of Revelstoke, and Richard W. Palmore, general merchant of Golden, have assigned.

The British Columbia Minerals, Ltd., is incorporated as an extraordinary company, with headquarters in England, local offices at Nicola Lake, and a capitalization of \$10,000.

The Columbia City Company, Ltd., has been organized with a capital of \$50,000, to acquire the business now carried on by Lewis Hurd and John A. Brownswold, and to conduct brick making.

The Pathfinder Mine Company, Ltd., is also incorporated with a capital of \$150,000, and the British Columbia Pulp and Paper Company, Ltd., with a capital of \$500,000.

All placer mining claims in Victoria, New Westminster and Skeena mining divisions are laid over from October 17th, 1901, until June 1st, 1902.

The district of Richmond is subdivided under the Farmers' Institute act into two districts, viz: The district of Richmond to comprise the municipality of Richmond, and the district of Burnaby to include the municipalities of Burnaby, South Vancouver and adjacent unorganized territory.

Assessors are notified that the time for the completion of their assessment rolls previous to revision has been extended to December 31st, on or before which date all rolls must be prepared.

The resignation of W. H. Lilly, police magistrate at Sandon, is accepted.

The following appointments are announced: Frederick Temple Cornwall, barrister-at-law, of Victoria, to be a notary public in the province.

Simon Fraser Tolmie, V. S., of Victoria, to be an inspector for the province under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) act.

Charles Harrison, of Massett, Queen Charlotte Islands, to be a registrar for the purposes of the Marriage act, for the county of Vancouver.

THE LENORA SMELTER TO BE BUILT AT ONCE Will Have a Capacity of 300 Tons—Old Heinz Operators Behind the Enterprise.

The 300-ton smelter to be erected by Henry Croft and his associates on Osborne Bay, opposite Mount Sicker, and to which the Lenora railway is now being extended, will, it is predicted, be in operation in less than six months.

THE KAGA LABELED BEFORE SAILING

SHE AND THE AORANGI SAIL OUTWARD TO-DAY

San Francisco Firm Prefers Patronizing C.P.R. Line to Doing Business With Home Companies.

A steamer will leave the outer wharf for the Antipodes this evening, and four sailed for the Orient this morning. Both are loaded to their capacity. The cargo of the Kaga Maru, which sailed for China and Japan, has already been given.

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ALARMING FIRE IN MONTREAL HOTEL

MANY HOMELESS AT SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON

Fatal Accident on the Railway—A Decapitated—Ontario Legislature to Meet Early in Year.

Montreal, Oct. 21.—The Grand Hotel, 1,424 Notre Dame street, was today damaged by fire early this morning. The occupants all escaped with safety, but lost all their effects. A brilliant rescue of five of the inmates was made by Sub-Chief St. Pierre, who dragged them, half-suffocated, from a burning building. The loss is at least \$50,000.

Died From Injuries. Zedique Dansereau, the contractor who was injured in a row on St. Lawrence street on Thursday, died in the General Hospital this morning. G. Bissonette, under arrest on a charge of assault, which will now have to be changed to murder.

The Light Scandal. Mayor Prefontaine to-day refused to authorize an investigation into a hearer's claim that an attempt is being made to bribe him in connection with the award of the electric light contract. The mayor said Ald. Clearidge neglected to make specific charges. The council referred the matter to city attorneys.

Ex-Alderman Dead. London, Oct. 21.—Ex-Ald. Geo. Shaw South London, died this morning, after a brief illness. He was born in Glasgow, but came here 47 years ago and engaged in the grocery business.

Sailor Killed. Kingston, Oct. 21.—A sailor named James Godwin was killed here by a train this morning.

Killed on Railway. St. Thomas, Oct. 21.—W. Woodward, a lamp-boy in the employ of the Kingston Central, was run over and killed on the track this morning. The head being severed from the body.

Will Probably Die. Winnipeg, Oct. 21.—Robert Nichol, clerk employed in Weldon's grocery store, made two attempts to commit suicide. He was saved by his fiancée, but at the hospital jumped 5 feet to the ground through a window and will probably die from the effects of his injuries.

Ontario Legislature. Toronto, Oct. 21.—Premier Ross stated today that it was the intention to hold the session of the legislature early in January. The Premier expects prorogation before April 1st.

The Late N. F. Davin. Ottawa, Oct. 21.—The funeral of the late Nicholas Flood Davin took place this afternoon at Beechwood cemetery immediately after the arrival of the Winnipeg train.

Sydney Fire. Sydney, Oct. 21.—The loss by the fire on Saturday will be about \$300,000; insurance \$200,000. Some twenty residences were destroyed in addition to the four business blocks, over thirty in many cases, people lodged, a number of families were consequently rendered homeless.

Escort Returned. Halifax, N. S., Oct. 21.—The ships of the North Atlantic squadron which escorted the Ophir, all returned to-day except the Crescent, which continued to St. John's Newfoundland.

The Theft on the Ophir. Much surprise was created here by the announcement that Prince Alexander Tuck's cabin on the Ophir was entered and his gold watch and five other valuables stolen. Halifax society people were on board in large numbers on Sunday. Detectives so far have been unable to locate the stolen articles.

Sailed for Montreal. North Sydney, C. B., Oct. 22.—The steamer Manchester Shipper sailed this morning for Montreal. She has 3,000 tons of cargo, about 800 tons being passengers.

Jealous Woman's Act. In a fit of jealousy, Mrs. J. Maxwell went into the face of Mrs. Watkins the contents of a small vial containing carbolic acid. The women met on House street, and after a few high words, Mrs. Watkins with alienating her husband's affections, and has often threatened to get even.

Called to Montreal. Montreal, Oct. 22.—Rev. Prof. Dyson, of Wycliffe college, Toronto, son of George Hargre, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, was last night elected by the vestry of St. George's Anglican church to be assistant to Dean Amiel.

Charged With Murder. The coroner's jury this morning returned a verdict of murder against George E. Bissonette, for having committed an aggravated assault on Zedique Dansereau last Thursday evening, causing his death.