Local News

Indian Agent's Tour.—A W. Vowell, superintendent of Indian affairs, B. C., left Tuesday morning for the mainland on official business.

Bank Clearings.—The local bank clearings for the week ending September 11th as reputed by the Victoria clearing house were $961,223.

Business Change.—Messrs. Sweeney & McConnell, job printers and rubber stamp makers are shortly to move into more convenient and larger premises. Their new printing office will be on Langley street, in the brick building recently occupied by the McMillan Fur and Wool company, which is at the present time being altered for them. They will occupy the new premises about October 1st.

Road Improvement.—The government have announced that the Ganges Harbor road will be broadened to 24 feet. It is understood that a grader, with other implements for such purposes will be sent up, and that work will be carried out under the supervision of Mr. Gamble, public works engineer.

President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has come out strongly condemning the policy of selecting a saloon as the place of meeting and headquarters of a union. He took this stand in a recent letter to the San Francisco Labor Council, the Milk Drivers' Union, of that city, being the offending organization.

G. T. P. Progress.—It is reported from Vancouver that several large contracts have lately been awarded for cutting ties for the Grand Trunk Pacific in the north. The mills both at Port Simpson and Essington will have a large amount of this work. A deal was completed last week for the transfer of standing timber to the aggregate amount of two hundred and fifty million feet on the Skeena.

International Football.—Word has been received from the Stanford University, California, by the officials of the Vancouver Rugby club, asking them to send a team south to meet a fifteen representing that institution on the 27th of October on the grounds at Palo Alto. Although the date mentioned is somewhat earlier than expected there is no doubt that a team will be organized to meet the Americans.

Some monts ago the scale for Pacific Coast Seamen was $40. The union asked an increase of $5 for voyages to outside ports. This was granted and has been in effect since. The change applies to inside ports and makes the scale again uniform for both classes of foreign trade in Columbia and California. Overtime will be paid for at the rate of 50 cents an hour. On sailing vessels this is an unimportant item.

A Lucky Hunt.—Fred J. Bittancourt left his ranch at Goldstream Sunday morning to have a couple of hours' hunt—for big game in the property above the E. & N. tracks, and within fifteen minutes was fortunate in securing three large bucks which is considered the record shoot for some considerable time. He has had a photograph taken with them, one of which the Tourist association want for their collection of exhibits.

Body Brought South.—The body of Donald B. Robertson, of Port Simpson, who committeed suicide at that place recently by blowing the top of his head off with a rifle, was brought down on the Beatrice for shipment to Ottawa. William McIntyre, of Calgary, brother-in-law of the deceased, met the boat at Vancouver and took charge of the remains. The late Mr. Robertson was half-owner of the Northern hotel at Port Simpson, his partner being Mr. George Rudge.

Fine Copper Properties.—A passenger on the Princess Beatrice was P. W. Pennefather, of the mounted police service at White Horse. He has come out on a holiday, and states that the copper properties recenty bonded by Byron N. White of Spokane, and one of the first operators in the Slocan, are showing wonderful promise and predicts that they will be the making of White Horse. Some of the surface showing on the White properties have run as high as 51 per cent in copper. Valuable new copper discoveries have been made within the last few weeks.

The Islands' Show.—The prize catalogue of the Islands' Agricultural society were issued last week. It is thought that the list this year is far superior to any previous ones, and the officers of the society anticipate a "tip-top show." At first some of the farmers were in a "don't care" mood, but this has become obliterated, and enthusiasm now reigns in its stead. An excursion is expected on the same day from Vancouver which, no doubt, will be a valuable acquisition to the success of the function.

Mishap on C. P. R.—A west-bound freight train on the C. P. R. ran into a washout between Ross Peak and Glacier at 10:30 on Friday night, but fortunately no one was killed. Engineer W. Coughlin, Fireman S. Johnson and Brakeman J. E. Butler escaped with injuries which the doctor reports are not serious. The line was cleared late Saturday afternoon. The rains over the Selkirk during Thursday and Friday were very heavy and caused the mountain streams to swell. Jams were formed, which resulted in the water going over the track at various places between Revelstoke and Beavermouth.

The Guggenheims.—The Guggenheims are now assembling three dredges for work next season in the Yukon. Two of these will be located on 104 below Bonanza, and the other on 90 below on the same creek. A dredge for Col. Budd and Russell King is now on its way down river to Dawson. It will be taken to the mouth of Forty-mile and and hauled up that stream to American territory. The Allen dredge, also for the American end of the Forty-mile, was shipped the other day on the steamer Al-Ki. At least five other dredges, apart from others the Guggenheims are likely to build, will be sent north next season

Victoria Man's Patent.—A United States patent has just been granted through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, to D. G. McKenzie, of Victoria, on a cash registering and change giving machine. It consists of a series of coin holding magazines within a locked external casing which also encloses all the mechanism. Each magazine is furnished at its base with a coin ejecting slide or slides which are under a double control; one operated by the mechanism by which a sale made is registered, and the other by a finger key corresponding to the payment tendered to cover such sale.

Skeena River Hatchery.—According to a private letter just received from Thomas Whitwell, the officer in charge of the Skeena River Salmon hatchery. The hatchery is full of sockeye ova. Mr. Whitwell says: "We started spawning on the 6th of August, and by the 30th we had got all the ova that this hatchery will accommodate. We got altogether 4,276,000 eggs, and out of that number about 3,900,000 from a fresh spawning ground, where the sockeyes proved to be ready for spawning fully three weeks earlier than our usual spawning grounds. These are about six miles distant from each other. I think, without doubt, that it goes a long way to show that we have had two distinct runs of sockeyes in Lakelse lake this season."

An Early Close.—An early closing of navigation on the Yukon river is looked for by northern steamboatmen. It is not generally thought that navigation will be possible after the end of the present month and at all events not after the end of the first week in October. The dates of the closing of navigation on the Yukon in recent years are as follows: 1900, October 10th; 1901, October 11th; 1902, October 17th; 1903, October 11th; 1904, October 11th, and 1905, October 9th. On the Atlin route navigation has closed in the past as follows: 1902, November 5th; 1903, October 31st 1904, November 2nd, and 1905, November 27th. At present the water in the Yukon is falling rapidly.

To Accept Scholarship.—Miss Alma Clarke accompanied by her mother, leaves in a few days for Toronto to accept a scholarship given her by Dr. Torrington of the Toronto College of Music, last July when he was in Victoria. According to musical critics Miss Clarke is a genius. She plays selections from the leading masters such as Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelsohn and Wagner, with ease and splendid expression. Her ear training assisted greatly in passing the examination with success. She also received a special gold medal at a recital given by the senior pupils of Miss S. F. Smith last July at "Sea View," Dallas road. Miss Clarke is but fourteen years of age and there is a brilliant future for her. This is the second scholarship which has been awarded to Miss S. F. Smith's pupils.

Progress In Yukon.—J. H. Rogers, traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway, spent a short time in the city on Friday after a two months' trip to the Yukon, coming down on the Princess Beatrice. He left almost immediately for Seattle to confer with other officials of the company mentioned. In the course of an interview he stated that, although the pick and shovel have given way to gigantic dredges in the Yukon, Dawson will continue in its present prosperity. Five dredges are already working in the district; one on Bear creek, owned by the Rothschilds; the Bonanza Basin Company's dredge now working on the lower Klondike; the Ogilvie dredge built for the Stewart river, but now working on the lower Klondike; the original Klondike dredge built by the Lewis River Gold Mining & Dredging company, and the Canadian Forty-mile dredge owned by a Toronto syndicate, headed by Dr. Grant and and W. J. Smith.

Locating Meridian.—D. Otto Klotz, Dominion astronomer, after spending Tuesday in the city, left last evening en route to California. Dr. Klotz has been spending some time at Vancouver at the astronomical station established there by him a few years ago in the work of definitely locating the 141st meridian line, which forms the boundary line between the Canadian Yukon and Alaska. In this he worked in conjunction with another astronomer near the meridian line. Connection was afforded by means of the telegraph lines laid to Alaska. The two instruments were made to check one another, and each got a record of the instruments in the others observation run over a distance of about 2,000 miles. The Alaskan point was definitely located so that next year from it the exact position of the 141st meridian line may be found.

Inspector of Live Stock.—Mr. F. M. Logan, of the department of agriculture, inspector of livestock and dairing is calling a general meeting of the B. C. Stock Breeders' association to be held in the city hall, New Westminster, on Wednesday evening, 3rd October, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding a winter fair and auction sale of pure bred stock and if approved to make the necessary arrangements for the same. In connection with the projected winter fair, it is Mr. Logan's idea to inaugurate a course of lectures by prominent men in the various sections of stockraising with live animals on the spot, wherewith to demonstrate the same with a view to making it as much an educational feature as possible. The educational element is kept prominently in mind in the fall fairs arrangements also; but so many other attractions engage the attention of the agriculturalists who attend that the different features of merit of the livestock exhibited are often overlooked by those not specially interested in that branch. The special value of fares such as this is to draw the young men of the different farms of the province and to illustrate to them the various points of excellence in the different animals exhibited in order to induce them to produce such a class of animals as the market demands and which will bring in the most profitable returns for capital and labor expended upon their production.

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Canadian Patents.—Below will be found a list of Canadian patents recently secured through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, patent attorneys, Montreal, Canada and Washington, D. C. Johan Heinrich, Neudorf, stump puller; Joseph L. Carter, North Sydney, C. B., heating apparatus; L. J. O'Shaughnessy, Halifax, N. S., life preserver; George V. Ferguson, Amherst, N. S., method of making signs.

Runaway Accident.—A runaway accident occurred Wednesday afternoon on Johnson street, and in addition to creating a scare, also did considerable damage. When the horse was rounding the corner at Johnson and Blanchard, the cart collided with the hydrant at which the water cart is filled and knocked the pillar over. The joint at which the pillar joins the main, snapped right off, with the result that the Chinese laundry at the corner, was played on equal to the full force of the fire brigade for about 15 minutes. On the arrival of the water department the flow was stopped and workmen commenced to repair.

Tramway Extension.—The Saanich road extension of the B. C. Electric Railway company is now nearing completion, but a car service cannot be given until a switch has been established on Douglas street, somewhere in the vicinity of Princess avenue. It is reported that the present time table on which the Douglas street cars are operated is to be changed from a twelve-minute to a fifteen-minute schedule. Asked with regard to this, Manager Goward said that nothing has yet been decided. The matter is being considered and he could not state which schedule will likely be adopted.

Paving Blocks.—Mayor Morley, of Victoria in a recent letter to W. H. Harvey, of Vancouver, wrote as follows: "Your letter of the 8th instant to hand. What you say is quite true, namely that your company has treated no paving blocks for the corporation, and therefore any allegation to the effect your treatment was a failure so far as paving blocks in Victoria are concerned falls to the ground. I purpose taking up the whole matter with the council and engineer at once. Any action that may be taken as a result by the council, will of course, hinge on the matter of cost and durability."

The Brothier Case.—When the Brothier case came up again before His Honor Judge Henderson, at Vancouver, Tuesday morning, Mr. C. M. Woodworth, acting for the Crown, was compelled to ask for another adjournment since he had not been able to secure Adele Guilbault, Brothier's sister, who is now in the United States, and is a most material witness. At first she had refused to come, but he believed had been since persuaded to come over, and he expected a telegram to say she was coming any time within the next 24 hours. For this reason he asked for an adjournment till Thursday. Mr. Macdonell, appearing for Brothier, objected strongly, but Judge Henderson decided to grant the adjournment till Thursday, when the date for trial will be set. If Mr. Woodworth finds that he cannot obtain his witness, then he will apply for a commission to have her evidence taken where she is.

Alliance Francaise.—At the annual meeting of the Alliance Francaise held at the Balmoral hotel on Monday evening last, the association expressed its deep regret at the death of Prof. Dougour-Jouty and a committee consisting of Mesdames O. M. Jones, E. G. Prior, F. C. Holden and Mdlle Fausche de Kapezdron was appointed to draw up and forward to the relatives of deceased a suitable expression of sympathy. The annual report of the committee unanimously adopted and gave general satisfaction, there being a small balance in the treasury after the payment of all expenses. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Lt.-Col. Gregory; vice president, Madame O. M. Jones; sec.-treas., Madame F. C. Holden; librarian, Mdlle Fausche de Kapezdron; members of executive committee, Mesdames Prior, Barnard, Dumbleton, Burrell and Mr. C. Lowenberg. Owing to the reception to Earl Grey on Monday the 17th inst., it was decided to cancel the society's meeting for that date.

Labor Leader Coming.—At noon Thursday, J. R. Macdonald, a member of the Imperial House of Commons and secretary of the Labor party in that House, will reach Victoria. Among the many distinguished labor leaders who will be in the city for the coming Trades and Labor Congress Mr. Macdonald is undoubtedly the widest known. Taking advantage of his arrival a few days before the congress opens the local Trades and Labor Council have arranged to have a grand mass meeting in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening. The feature of this gathering will be an address by Mr. Macdonald. There will be short speeches also by J. D. McNiven, M. P. P., and G. T. Gray, the president of the local organization. This gathering is intended to be of a public character, and all are invited to attend. Seats will be reserved specially for ladies and their escorts. Bantly's orchestra will also be in attendance and provide a musical programme.

Back From Convention.—Skene Lowe who as reported in Sunday's issue of the Colonist as having been honored with the post of vice president for British Columbia of the Photographers' association of the Pacific Northwest at the recent annual convention of that body at Spokane returned Monday morning and states that both he and the other local representative, J. Savannah, had a splendid time. They were entertained in a most hospitable way. At a banquet given in their honor the Mayor of Spokane referred to Victoria as a place noted for its beauty. Although he had never been there, he had heard of the city and was sure the reports were not exaggerated. In responding, Mr. Lowe, after praising Spokane, tendered the mayor a cordial invitation to visit British Columbia's capital, assuring him that his preconceived idea of Victoria's loveliness would be more than substantiated. The entertainment concluded with the presentation of a handsome loving cup to the secretary-treasurer and a beautiful beer stein to J. Savannah, of this city.

ATTRACTIONS FOR THE FALL FAIR

Committee Has Arranged Some Special Features For Annual Exhibition

Following the reception to His Excellency Earl Grey the event that will attract attention will be the annual fall fair given under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural association, which opens at the Fair grounds on Tuesday, September 25, and continues till Saturday evening, September 29th, and, judging from the present indications it is expected that it will prove the most interesting exhibit that has been held in this city for some time. The committee are using every effort to make the fair a success and given good weather it is safe to say that it will be the success they anticipate. Everything that will tend to strengthen the attractions is being attended to and when the fair opens it is expected that everything will be in place ready to pass the critical eye of the judges who have been appointed to make the awards. At present the secretary is deluged with requests for information and the clerical staff are kept busy attending to the wants of those who desire to make entries or receive any information whatever. The office of the secretary is located in the Chancery chambers, Langley street where those who wish to make entries or apply for space may do so. It is the intention of this official to move his office to the Fair grounds about a week before the opening and those who desire to make any enquiries should do so before the office is moved. The number of entries that has been received compares favorably with that of former years, although the majority are as yet made up of stock and horses. The local business houses are also making a good exhibition although as yet several of those who exhibited at the last fair have not yet applied for space. The necessity of applying for space in the main hall is again drawn to the attention of intending exhibitors, and unless this matter is attended to at once there is liable to be a disappointment to some of those who desire to show their goods. The majority of the biggest manufacturing houses in the city have secured space and it is expected that the interior of the main hall will be a fairly good showing of the goods that are manufactured in Victoria.

Although the majority of the exhibitors in the main hall will be local exhibitors it is not to be said that there will be no outsiders and it is expected that some handsome exhibits will be made by dealers and agents from outside of Victoria. The list of entries and applications for space are not worrying the executive, but it is expected that it will be a difficult undertaking to satisfy everyone.

The attractions that have been arranged for are all novel and will do much towards attracting a good crowd. Already one entry has been received for the broncho busting competition, C. Morrow of Kamloops being the first to send in his entry, and it is expected that it will not be long before the other competitors send in their entry. The date on which entries for this event closes is still several days off, and when the list closes it is likely that there will be enough competitors to make the contest very interesting.

The attractions that have been arranged for the afternoon and evening entertainments are also good attractions and will do much towards making the fair a success. The majority of these special events will be given in front of the grand stand at the race track and will be carried on every afternoon and evening. The afternoon performances will be arranged so that they will be carried on during the intermission at the horse races, while in the evening it will be run as a continual performance.

Included in the performance will be The Great Kinsners, head balancers and equilibrists of world renown. This team is composed of A. Kinsner and his wife and in their performance he will balance on his head anything from an ordinary garden flower to a common everyday driving buggy. A special feature of the performance will be to balance an organ on his head while Mlle. Kinsner plays a tune. This team has been seen a short time ago in Seattle and made a wonderful hit.

Dr. Renda and Green the lighting club jugglers have also been secured. This team is one of the best juggling teams on the circuit and their presence at the fair will give it good assistance. Among the others that have been secured are the Marvelous Cates family, otherwise known as the Four Cates; a quartette of instrumental musicians, who render high class selections in a thoroughly artistic and appreciative manner.

A troupe of 20 Siberian Spitz dogs have also been secured and are said to give a very good performance.

"Mickey Feeley," who is known as the twister of all twisters, otherwise described as a contortionist, will do his share to amuse the crowd. Biff and Bang, a team of knockabout comedians has also been secured as well as several other interesting events.

Many applications for space for side shows have also been received including one from Maude the kicking mule. Novelty and shooting gallery; ferris wheel, riding gallery; two-headed woman and Bosco the Snake Eater. These with many others will most likely be on hand and will serve to amuse those who care to witness their antics.

One feature at the exhibition that will appeal to many, will be the arrangements that have been made to supply meals on the grounds. This in past years has been a serious problem to overcome but this year promises a better state of affairs than ever before. The dining room will be under the superintendency of W. Smith one of Victoria's best known epicureans. In this connection he will endeavor to meet the demands of all who desire to have their meals on the grounds. He will conduct the dining room on the European plan and will give a good service. He is at present arranging to secure a white chef and will have all white labor and it is expected to prove one of the most successful features of the fair. Everything is at present running smoothly and when the fair is officially opened everything will be in readiness for the large number of visitors who are expected to be present.

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CONDITIONS ON QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLANDS

An Important Interview With Rev. W. E. Collison, in Charge at Masset

The Rev. W. E. Collison, the clergyman in charge of the Church of England mission at Massett, Graham island, of the Queen Charlotte group is in the city staying at the Balmoral hotel. He reports that at the present time lack of communication with the mainland retards greatly the development of Graham island.

Notwithstanding this, many claims for petroleum have been located on the west coast, Americans being largely interested.

"In fact," said he, "our communication is far more frequent with Ketchikan and southeastern Alaska generally than it is with Port Simpson and neighboring points on the mainland.

"It follows that the Massett Indians are more familiar with American ways. Recent investigations have suggested that the natural resources are considerable and with the outlay of a reasonable amount of capital the island would compare very favorably with any part of British Columbia.

Among its natural wealth may be included timber, fish of many varieties, coal and many other minerals. On the west coast for example indications favor the existence of petroleum. The timber on the neighborhood of Massett inlet is good and already many limits have been located by parties well known in the timber business.

"With regard to farming and stockraising, much has been said but little attempted. It is a well known fact that the soil and climatic conditions are most favorable to a large improvement in this direction. Fish of many varieties are to be found in its waters. The halibut banks to the north of the island are already well known and we hope before long to see some industry started that will embrace not only the halibut, but also other fish such as salmon, cod, etc.

"We were fortunate last winter in having a mail service. The government having subsidized the steamship Venture to carry mail once every two months. Before we were obliged to content ourselves with a steamer once a year and the only other way of obtaining our letters was by sending a small Indian schooner to Port Simpson an expedient which involved a considerable cost to the residents and no small risk to those who undertook the crossing in a small boat during the winter months. A distance of 80 miles open water.

"At the present time nearly every small village along the coast has its mail service and in all fairness the same privilege ought to be accorded to Massett which is one of the largest villages on the coast. Not only this—if Graham island is to be developed, it can only be brought about through regular communication with the mainland. It is stated on good authority that the present service cannot be continued under the present conditions an increased subsidy being necessary. We hope the government will see its way clear to increase the grant and thus secure the continuance of a service not only a great boon to the people who live there but also essential to the development of Graham island."

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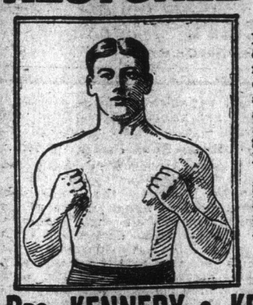

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President Roosevelt in a letter to Public Printer Stillings, given out for publication explains just what he meant to accomplish by his simplified spelling order. The letter follows:

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1906.

"My Dear Mr. Stillings: I enclose herewith copies of certain circulars of the Simplified Spelling Board, which can be obtained free from the board at 1 Madison avenue, New York city. Please hereafter direct that in all government publications of the executive departments the 300 words enumerated in circular No. 5 shall be spelled as therein set forth. If any one asks the reason for the action refer him to circulars 3, 4 and 6 as issued by the Simplified Spelling Board. Most of the criticism of the proposed step is evidently made in entire ignorance of what the step is, no less than in entire ignorance of the very moderate and common sense views as to the purposes to be achieved which views are so excellently set forth in the circulars to which I have referred.

"There is not the slightest intention to do anything revolutionary or initiate any far reaching policy. The purpose simply is for the government, instead of lagging behind popular sentiment, to advance abreast of it and at the same time abreast of the views of the ablest and most practical educators of our time as well as of the most profound scholars—men of the stamp of Prof. Lounsbury and Prof. Skeat If the slight changes in the spelling of the 300 words proposed wholly or partially meet popular approval then the changes will become permanent without any reference to what public officials or individual private citizens may feel; if they do not ultimately meet with popular approval they will be dropt, and that is all there is about it.

"They represent nothing in the world but a very slight extension of the unconscious movement which has made agricultural implement makers and farmers write 'plow' instead of 'plough' which has made most Americans write 'honor' without the somewhat absurd superfluous 'u,' and which is even now making people write 'program' without the 'me'—just as all the people who speak English now write 'bat,' 'set,' 'dim,' 'sum,' and fish,' instead of the Elizabethan 'batte,' 'sette,' 'dimme,' 'summe,' and 'fysshe,' which makes us write 'public,' 'almanac,' 'era,' 'fantasy' and 'wagon,' instead of the 'publick,' 'almanack,' 'aera,' 'phantasy, and waggon, of our great grandfathers. It is not an attack on the language of Shakespeare and Milton, because it is in some instances a going back to the forms they used, and in others merely the extension of changes which, as regards other words, have taken place since their time. It is not an attempt to do anything far reaching or sudden or violent, or indeed anything very great at all. It is merely an attempt to cast what slight weight can properly be cast on the side of the popular forces which are endeavoring to make our spelling a little less foolish and fantastic.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT

"Hon. Charles A. Stillings, Public Printer, Washington."

TORE THEIR FLESH.

"My children were taken with an itching, burning skin disease and tore their flesh until it was sore, and their shirts would sometimes be wet with blood. The doctor did not seem to know what ailed them and could give no relief, so I began using Dr. Chase's Ointment. Whenever it was applied it did its work well and has entirely cured them of this horrible disease."—Mrs. Lois McKay, Tiverton, Digby Co., N. S.

BUILT A LAUNCH.

Young Boy of Victoria West Constructs Fine Craft for Local Use.

Henry Lind, a young boy who lives in Victoria West has just completed the construction of a launch and it was launched with due eclat at Victoria West on Tuesday evening and Wednesday brought to Jones' boathouse to have machinery installed by T. G. Hinton & Co. A launch also arrived from Vancouver to have machinery installed by the local firm.

JAPANESE WANT CONTROL.

Seeking to Purchase Big Liners of the Japan Mail Steamship Company.

Advices from Yokohama cabled to the New York Times, states that the Japanese steamship lines are merging to secure control the carrying trade of the Pacific, and the steamship lines now in service will have lively opposition from the people of Nippon. The New York paper's advices state: The competition for the trade of the Pacific between the various steamship companies is exciting lively interest in Japan and China. Shipping men here are positive in their belief that the Japanese companies will force their companies out of business. It is definitely understood that since the failure of the shipping subsidy bill in America, the Toyo Yusen Kaisha company will buy out the Pacific Mail company. Its fleet consists of the Mongolia, Manchuria, Korea, Siberia and China, all fine steamers, 10,000 to 15,000 tons burden.

The sale of the Pacific Mail steamers will mean practically the disappearance of the American flag from the China seas. There will still be J. J. Hill's two steamers the Dakota and the Minnesota, trading to Seattle. It is uncertain how long before the Japanese purchase these steamers also.

Practically the whole of the intercoast trade of China and Japan is in the hands of the Japanese.

FRENCH FLEET INCREASED.

Five New Vessels Added and 30-Day Schedule Will Be Established.

The Chargeurs Reunis, the French freight line which is operating steamers between Marseilles and the Orient and homeward via Puget Sound and South America, has decided to put five additional steamers on the route and make a thirty day schedule instead of a sixty day one as at present. Since the service has been established the company has been planning an increase if the business warranted it, and the fact that the ships have sailed from Puget Sound for Santa Rosalia and South and Central American ports with full cargoes leaving freight on the docks, has influenced the company to change the service from one vessel every two months to one vessel every month with a prospect of making it a sailing from Seattle every two weeks. The new schedule will go into effect January 1. At that time five large ships are to be added to the line. The new vessels are: The Amiral Latouche-Treville, Amiral Magon, Amiral Nielly, Amiral Olry and Amiral Ponty. The vessels now on the run are: The Amiral Duperre, Amiral Excelmans, Amiral Fourichon, Amiral Hamelin, Amiral Jaurequiberry and the Amiral Latouche de Treville. The Amiral Jaurequilberry is the next one due.

VICTORIA TIDE TABLE.

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Date.	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.
1 ...	.....		7 34	1.4	15 52	7.2	19 45	6.3
2 ...	0 49	7.8	8 16	1.6	15 49	7.1	20 37	5.7
3 ...	1 51	7.6	8 55	2.1	15 56	7.1	21 24	5.2
4 ...	2 48	7.3	9 33	2.7	16 09	7.2	22 10	4.7
5 ...	3 43	7.0	10 10	3.4	16 30	7.3	22 58	4.4
6 ...	4 46	6.6	10 48	4.1	16 56	7.3	23 49	4.0
7 ...	5 56	6.2	11 25	4.8	17 27	7.4	.....	
8 ...	0 43	3.8	7 17	6.0	12 00	5.4	17 57	7.3
9 ...	1 40	3.5	.....		.....		18 25	7.2
10 ...	2 37	3.3	.....		.....		18 45	7.2
11 ...	3 31	3.0	.....		.....		19 03	7.2
12 ...	4 22	2.9	.....		.....		19 36	7.1
13 ...	5 11	2.7	.....		.....		20 39	7.1
14 ...	5 57	2.5	15 33	6.9	18 10	6.7	22 33	7.1
15 ...	6 40	2.3	15 01	6.9	18 52	6.3	23 52	7.3
16 ...	7 20	2.2	14 42	6.9	19 32	5.8	.....	
17 ...	0 54	7.4	7 59	2.3	14 51	7.1	20 11	5.2
18 ...	1 53	7.5	8 37	2.5	15 09	7.3	20 52	4.6
19 ...	2 50	7.5	9 15	3.0	15 33	7.4	21 37	3.9
20 ...	3 48	7.4	9 55	3.6	16 01	7.6	22 27	3.3
21 ...	4 52	7.1	10 38	4.2	16 32	7.7	23 24	2.8
22 ...	5 10	6.9	11 24	5.0	17 06	7.8	.....	
23 ...	0 26	2.3	7 44	6.8	12 14	5.7	17 42	7.8
24 ...	1 29	2.0	9 33	6.8	13 11	6.4	18 21	7.8
25 ...	2 32	1.8	11 30	7.0	14 19	6.8	19 05	7.7
26 ...	3 33	1.7	12 53	.73	15 43	7.0	20 03	7.4
27 ...	4 31	1.8	13 40	7.4	17 18	6.8	21 22	7.1
28 ...	5 25	2.0	14 03	7.4	18 23	6.3	22 49	7.0
29 ...	6 16	2.3	14 13	7.3	19 15	5.7	.....	
30 ...	0 14	6.9	7 03	2.7	14 18	7.2	19 57	5.0

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water.

The height is measured from the level of the lower-low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.