

TENT CATERPILLARS DESTROY FOLIAGE

Pest Proves Serious Problem—Trees on Boulevards and in Parks and Private Grounds Infested

The damage done by the so-called "tent caterpillars" this spring will prove heavy, despite the efforts of the more conscientious citizens to get rid of the pests. However, the ravages of this plague have not been confined to this district alone. News from Pender Island last week stated that the fruit crop had been very seriously damaged by the crawling tent dwellers. The same is true of conditions on other islands also on the mainland, but reports show that where care was taken to combat the pests excellent results were achieved.

The Colonist made an investigation of portions of the city district last week in search of the caterpillars and their work. Almost without exception small fruit orchards throughout the city were found infested with the destroyers in various stages of development. The apple and cherry trees appeared to be the worst sufferers and the pear trees were invariably passed by for reason probably explicable by scientific gentlemen. But besides the fruit trees the oaks along stretches of the city property as well as oaks in private grounds were found to be covered with the pests. This was taken as an indication that the caterpillars are no respecters of persons and that notwithstanding the dire threats the city council justly made against all and sundry who allowed the tenters to pitch their camps, uncontrolled the "pillars" gave as much attention to the trees of the city fathers as they did to those privately possessed.

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SECOND CANADIAN NORTHERN LINER

Royal George to Sail From Bristol Next Thursday on First Trip to Canada

The Royal George, formerly the Heliopolis, second of the line of the Canadian Northern line, is to start service on the Atlantic from Bristol to Victoria on Thursday next. Arrangements have been made by the British colonial authorities for the two liners to carry letters for Canada if specially addressed with the name of the steamer and it is considered probable that later the new line will share in the subsidized mail service now carried on by the Canadian Pacific and Allan lines.

These two fine turbine driven vessels, each capable of a speed of 18 knots, it may be recalled, were built by the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, Govan, for the Egyptian Mail Steamship Company, and, after being employed for some time in the Mediterranean, were acquired by the Canadian Northern railway company for their new North Atlantic service, and brought to the Clyde for extensive overhaul and alterations by the original builders. As built the two vessels had no third-class accommodation but a considerable part of what was originally second-class accommodation is now being used as third-class quarters, and a stateroom has been arranged near the third-class cabin. Part of the original third-class accommodation has been fitted to accommodate second-class passengers, all the public rooms for both first and second-class however remaining unaltered. The bunkers have been increased, the bows strengthened to withstand the impact of ice, the hulls reinforced, and the deck erections altered so that the liners should now prove in every way a great improvement on the trade, while their superior second and third-class accommodation, as well as their high speed, render them an exceedingly popular with Atlantic travellers. Both vessels are painted in the colors of the Canadian Northern line, the funnels being yellow with blue tops.

WILL TOW CEMENT

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