

VICTORIA'S CHARMS IN WOODLAND AND GARDEN

Gentle Denizens of Fields Attract All Lovers of Beauty--Material Progress Demonstrates Commercial Activity.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

"Keep your eye on Vancouver Island" is the advice given by the C. P. R. in a recently published pamphlet. This advice is good. Many people do not seem to realize that within its area of 16,400 square miles this island possesses the largest and most valuable area of merchantable timber in the world. The Douglas fir, that sometimes grows to a height of 300 feet and averages 25 in the trunk, but there are many other varieties of wood that have great mercantile value. Red and yellow cedar, hemlock, spruce, cypress, white pine, balsam, yew, tamarack, maple, aspen, cottonwood, alder, crab-apple, arbutus, birch, juniper, willow and many other trees grow in different parts, and all of them are assets of importance.

But nature has also been prolific in the gentle denizens of field and woodland. Every plant and flower of the temperate zone can be found somewhere near Victoria. Many that in other places are objects of careful cultivation grow here in almost tropical profusion, among them the salmon and gold columbine. Why is this not made the emblem flower of British Columbia? It flourishes everywhere from the Rockies to Victoria, from Atlin to Cranbrook. It typifies in color two of the principal products of the province.

Salmon and Gold, and the very name is suggestive of its origin. Coming into full bloom about the period of Victoria Day, it could be well used in decorations at that time, and its continuous presence throughout the summer would assure availability for all celebrations until Labor Day practically closes the outdoor holiday list of the year.

And what of the trefallilly that dots the fields in spring. Modest and retiring, its fragrance more than atones for the absence of any other art. The bloom is fading nowadays, but it was glorious while it lasted, bedecking the hills with a crown of gold. This is the season of the wild rose, mother of all the garden varieties. Art has evolved from it forms of infinite variety, but none to surpass, in delicacy of tint the flower with which the hedge-roses are resplendent. Purple, and a few white, humpers are, the gaudy crests on the outskirts of the city, beautiful alike in foliage and blossom. In the woods there is the foxglove, whose spikes of crimson and white bend gracefully in the breeze. Nestling in the shadow near every little stream can be found the sweetly scented musk, while in the open the shooting star and golden aster shine brightly amid the emerald green of the grass.

Of ferns, too, Victoria has a large variety. Every decaying stump is smothered with the polypodium, while brackets its fronds everywhere. In the woods the beech fern is occasionally found, and the golden, with the underside of each leaf a bright yellow, rewards the patient searcher.

Gardens in the city are resplendent with every kind of flower, the horticulturist. The list of blossoms is too large to recall. But the rose, emblem of England and Spain, happily joined by the recent royal wedding, is everywhere abundant.

From the alabaster sheen of the "Bride" to the purplish black of the "Dr. Faustus," every gradation of color from deepest crimson to purest white has its beautiful representative. The two French beauties, "Marechell Nell" and "Gloire de Dijon" grow here in the highest perfection and the "American Beauty" and "Jacqueminot" are welcome visitors from the United States. Even the Orient has added its quota of charm. The small, but highly scented, and highly fragrant, recent importation are becoming great favorites.

Probably no better showing is made anywhere of the Phlox Drummondii in Victoria. Every possible combination of colors is glowing in local gardens. In perfume and brilliance they are surpassed by very few favorites of the flower lover and form a haze of floral gems against the dark green of many clumps of shrubs surrounding the houses of citizens. And so on down the whole list. The rose show yesterday displayed Victoria's ability in one direction, and Major Dupont's emphasized what greenhouses here can turn out, but, after all, every home garden is a standing advertisement of the city's salubrious climate.

In the growing of bulbs for the market an article in the Times has gained world-wide prominence. The experiments conducted by Wallace & Wollaston at their nursery near Oak Bay have aroused attention both on this continent and in Europe, and the florists in question are deluged with inquiries. Every horticultural magazine has taken the matter up, reproducing the Times' article, and it appears this month in the issues of two general publications. Mr. Wallace states that Holland, the home of the tulip and hyacinth, has been the source of a large amount of correspondence, and that the principal English grower of daffodils is considering the advisability of selling out and engaging in business.

In Victoria. Another large floral park is projected for the western portion of the city, the proprietors of which will engage in the general cultivation of flowers for supplying the heavy demand. It is expected that by the end of next week particulars can be made

SAANICH NOTES.

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Next week haying will commence on the Saanich peninsula, the crop promising to be a good one. Grain is looking excellent, and the prospects for a large harvest are bright. Strawberries and cherries are also bearing well. Fruitgrowers are elated with the prices received, and cannot fill the demands made upon them.

Some of the farmers are becoming strong advocates of the destruction of crows. These birds are increasing rapidly and doing a large amount of damage. A correspondent suggests legislation to secure their removal, and states that if something is not done a special fruit ranch will have to be provided for their delectation.

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When the C. P. R. steamship Princess May sails for Skagway at 11 o'clock to-morrow night on her first trip in service since last fall, she will represent one of the most telling advertisements local enterprise can offer. The steamer has been spent in furnishing the interior and the finishing touches to this are being given to-day. The effect that has been produced is impressive. No expense has been spared, and the furnishings and upholstery are of the very finest that could be obtained.

The upholstery and draping have been done by Weller Bros. In a manner that will spread the fame of the house wherever the ship travels. The seats were upholstered by D. Spenser, Ltd., and here also the work of a Victoria house will excite admiration from the travelling public, and indeed all who ever inspect the interior appointments of the steamer.

In the main saloon a green Asbury carpet has been laid that lends a pretty tone in the coloring of the room, and is stylish and elegant. A Wilton carpet covers the floor of the observation room, while in the dining saloon Wilton runners extend the full length of the apartment. In other parts of the ship the floors are also covered with fine material, while in all parts the upholstery represents the very best that comfort and luxury can suggest. In the observation room there are a couple of dozen upholstered cane chairs which were specially imported from New York. These are arranged in circular form in harmony with the design of the room. They face the large plate glass windows. Between them and the windows are upholstered foot rests, which when the steamer is crowded can be used as seats. Being only a foot or so from the floor, the people occupying them will not obstruct the view of those in the chairs or standing behind. The upholstery in the forward saloon is in leather, and that in the after saloon red plush. The first class smoking room, which really represents a second observation room, is finished in oak and Spanish leather, and in this apartment the Spanish colored colors have been perfect. Mahogany tables are supplied the dining saloon, and with the hand paintings on the walls and other furnishings to match the room will look exceedingly well.

In all it has taken probably \$25,000 to furnish the steamer, which will further illustrate the pains which the C. P. R. Company are taking to make the Princess May not only the greyhound of the Skagway fleet, but the peer of all other liners on that route in the matter of comforts and luxuries. The port steward of the company has certainly displayed a great deal of excellent taste and good judgment in the arrangements which have been carried out under him, and if he is laboring at high pressure these days he has at least the satisfaction of realizing the best of results.

The Princess May has been painted entirely in white, and her appearance in this respect as in many others previously mentioned, has been greatly improved.

In addition to the officers' accommodation the Princess May has eighty-four state rooms, and it is safe to predict that the passenger traffic the accommodation cannot be surpassed. In addition to the usual ports of call for the northern route the May will call both northbound and southbound at Port Essington and Port Simpson. Captain Morley who is so well and favorably known on the Skagway route, will have charge of the steamer.

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With seven thousand miles of coast line fringing the province and fronting on seas teeming with many varieties of fish, the salmon industry, one of the earliest to bring British Columbia into prominence, promises to surpass in the near future the records made in the past. Though 1901, with its catch of 1,236,156 cases, still remains the banner year, 1905 was not far behind. In the latter year the output was 1,167,460 cases, valued at \$5,750,000. Over eleven million salmon were required to fill these nearly 50,000,000 cans, and an equal distribution among the whole population would have assured a supply of 200 cans to every man, woman and child in the province.

But though salmon occupies the premier place there are other fish the exploitation of which, though still in its infancy, has even now reached considerable dimensions. The whaling industry, which is worthy special consideration at a later date, mention may be made of the following products, taking an estimate of the year 1905. It is well within the mark that the total

INCOME FROM THE SEA

Salmon	\$5,750,000
Halibut	200,000
Cod	50,000
Smelts	25,000
Oolachans	15,000
Dog Fish (for oil)	20,000
Other Shell Fish	20,000
Bye products	500,000
Total	\$6,390,000

Comparison with the enormous product of the provinces bordering the Atlantic, however, compels the conclusion that the fishing industry of British Columbia is yet in its infancy. In 1904, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Quebec produced a grand total of \$14,731,122, while British Columbia, having a small salmon pack that year, only reached an aggregate of \$4,999,417.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Victoria and its immediate vicinity are the only portions of the province where a decided step ahead has been made of recent years. To a large extent this progress is the result of the introduction of fish traps for procuring salmon. This was practically forced upon the province in self-preservation against the encroachment of the canners of Puget Sound upon a product that naturally is its habitat, and certainly its principal spawning grounds, in the rivers of British Columbia. The reasons that prevented the introduction of this method of rearing the harvest of the deep were largely sentimental. It was only when a great number of the white and Indian fishermen who used to net the waters of the Fraser, Skeena and Naas rivers became repulsed by laws that public opinion would permit the innovation. Prominent men from the districts bordering the Fraser for many years fought with success against the methods adopted as near them as Boundary Bay, but, at last, they were compelled to succumb.

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Of course the cricket games will not be the only form of recreation provided by the Victoria Cricket Club. The latter intend doing everything possible to make the visit of the devotees of the grand old English pastime a memorable one. They will take steps to show them the many beauties of Victoria during the summer months. Daily parties and other excursions will be organized in all probability. It is not unlikely that an entertainment of some kind will be undertaken by the Victoria club in honor of their guests. At any rate Victorians may rest assured that everything possible will be done to make the visitors feel welcome and to send them away singing praises of Victoria's climate and the hospitality of Victorians.

CITY AUTHORITIES ARE AT ELK LAKE

ANOTHER EXCURSION IN QUEST OF WATER

Investigating Possibility of Improving Source of Victoria's Present Supply--Situation Outlined.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

His Worship Mayor Morley and members of the city council are still in the throes of the water problem. Not satisfied with having investigated the conditions in the Highland district and at Sooke lake they have now turned their attention to the source of Victoria's present supply--Elk lake. This afternoon the Mayor, accompanied by Water Commissioner Raymur, City Engineer Topp and others drove out of the city in the direction of Saanich, and on Monday evening should have a report of the possibility of introducing improvements at Elk lake and in that vicinity sufficient to overcome the difficulty which confronts the civic solons.

When seen this morning Mayor Morley acknowledged that he intended taking a party to Elk lake. His idea was to secure all the information available in regard to every source of water supply within reasonable distance of Victoria before the matter was laid before the council for serious discussion. He had been informed that the body of water which served the community could be made to meet the requirements for many years with just a little attention. For instance it had come to his ears that there was a great deal of waste during the summer months, in fact that sufficient water remained off in various directions to supply Victoria twice over if directed into the proper channels. This statement, of course, was only hearsay.

Another informant had told him that it would be quite possible to construct a dam at a point higher up the lake, thus making two reservoirs. If this was practicable, as stated, it would result in an increase of the elevation to some extent, and a consequent augmentation of the pressure.

Whether anything could be done was a matter for conjecture. The whole question would be looked into, and a report compiled containing the results of their labors.

In the meantime the work of obtaining authoritative and definite information upon the Highland district scheme and the Sooke lake project are in full swing. F. A. Devereaux, the surveyor, left yesterday for the Sooke district, and will spend some time in that locality.

The Mayor and members of the water committee as may be seen are losing no time in the endeavor to bring the vexed question of a more adequate water supply for Victoria to a focus. They are pushing the preliminary operations to completion as rapidly as possible remembering always the necessity of obtaining mathematically accurate information before recommending definite action. The Mayor's idea is to have reports on several alternative propositions ready to lay before the aldermen at an early date so that, if objection is taken to one, another may be presented which, perhaps, will be more to their taste. Under the circumstances it looks as though the civic authorities are on the brink of reaching a solution of the problem.

MASSONS ENTERTAINED

Local Courtesies Extended Visiting Brethren Yesterday by Members of Local Lodges.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The delegates to the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., were given a trolley excursion to various places of interest yesterday afternoon. Three large open cars were provided. Esquimalt and Oak Bay were the principal points visited. At the former opportunity was given the visitors to inspect the Marine Club, the new Esquimalt branch of the Olympic mountains was obtained from the Royal Roads. At Oak Bay, where another stop was made, Mount Baker was seen in all its glory and the un-country delegates joined the Victoria booster club then and there.

At Gorge park, the garden party was enjoyed by a large gathering. The services of the B. C. Electric Railway Company were again placed in requisition for transporting the delegates, the grand officers being driven out in automobiles as guests of Dr. R. F. Verinder and W. L. Chaloner.

The illumination of the grounds was most effective and members from the smaller towns in the interior were full of admiration for Victoria's new pleasure resort.

The grand lodge may be taken on the whole as an organized club of boomers for the province. It was extremely gratifying to hear the reports of progress from every part. Grand Master Simpson said "Cranbrook's all right, just watch Southeast Kootenay grow." "Revelstoke is booming," said Chas. J. Aman, "the mining camps around it are all looking well and the lumber mills working almost night and day." "You know us people in the Delta are always happy," said H. N. Rich, of Ladner, "but we are feeling better all the time. We wanted further railroad facilities and now have them in sight. We will do our share to get a million population for B. C." Everyone had a good word for conditions, even the representative of old Cariboo forecasting a continuous stream of gold when the Guggenheim

TWO LABORERS KILLED

Vancouver, June 23--Two laborers were killed yesterday through the breaking of the tackle while engaged in putting in a steel bridge at the Loops.

MAN THE LIFEBOAT

The agent of marine and fisheries wishes to obtain the names of men who are desirous of enlisting their services for drill practice in the new lifeboat about to be stationed in service in this province in view of the selection of a permanent crew.

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