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AN UNPRECEDENTED DROUGHT IN SOUTH

AUSTRALIA SUFFERS FROM DRY SEASON

Dominion Trade Commissioner Describes Conditions in a Letter to the Board of Trade.

The council of the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade met this morning, when some interesting correspondence, notably a letter from the Dominion trade commissioner in Australia, came up for consideration.

Hon. Wm. Paterson, minister of customs, acknowledging the receipt of a resolution mentioning the non-advisability of changing the existing arrangements whereby United States steamers are permitted to carry freight between British Columbia ports and other Canadian points via a United States port.

The Deupty Minister of Agriculture wrote stating that the government had been officially advised of the exhibition to be held at Osaka, Japan, during the months of March to July, 1903, and intended sending an exhibit. All communications in connection therewith, the letter advised, should be addressed to William Hutcheson, department of agriculture, who has been appointed commissioner for the purpose.

The same writer also acknowledged the receipt of a resolution passed at a public meeting held at Nelson in April last asking for further protection to the lead industry. In reply he wished to state that the matter will have earnest consideration, but it was too late for any definite action before the reassembling of parliament.

The secretary of the board of trade wrote expressing the thanks of the Fernie miners relief fund for the telegram of sympathy and offer of assistance for the sufferers in the great disaster of the 22nd of May.

The Minister of Mines in a communication stated that the question of a two per cent. tax on minerals is one that is receiving the consideration of the government, but the matter would have to lay over until the House prorogued. The letter adds: "There are so many different opinions amongst mining men as to what the proper course to pursue is, that it would be very injudicious of the government to come to any hasty conclusion in regard to the same. Your board can rest assured that the government is fully alive to the importance of doing everything possible to assist the mining industry of the province, whilst at the same time collecting a proper and equitable amount of taxation therefrom."

Crease & Crease notified the board that on the 12th inst. His Excellency the Governor-General was pleased to grant the petition of the B. C. Board of Trade asking for a change of name to the Victoria, B. C., Board of Trade, and that a notice to that effect will appear in the Canada Gazette.

The letter to the secretary of the board from J. S. Larke, to which reference has heretofore been made, was then read as follows:

New South Wales and Queensland are suffering from unprecedented drought. For seven years there has been a partial drought which has affected the interior, but this year it has spread to the eastern coastal districts. It is still spreading, and has reached portions of Victoria and South Australia. It is said that forty millions of sheep are slowly starving, and the best flocks are being preserved only by expensive hand feeding. The surplus of breadstuffs were early shipped out of the Commonwealth in the anticipation that the harvest would yield many million more bushels than it did. As a consequence prices of some articles advanced to figures that make importation possible even under the tariff, and if the drought continues will create a demand for almost all lines of foodstuff that will bear transportation. The prices to the trade and duties of leading articles this day in the Sydney market are:

Flour, local.—Price, £9 to £9 10s. per ton; duty, £2 10s. per ton.

Flour, Manitoba.—Price, £12 to £12 5s. per ton; duty, £2 10s. per ton.

Wheat, local.—Price, 4s. 7d. to 4s. 8d. per bush.; duty, 1s. 6d. per cental.

Barley, feed.—Price, 4s. 2d. to 4s. 3d. per bush.; duty, 1s. 6d. per cental.

Oats.—Price, 3s. 4d. to 3s. 5d. per bush.; duty, 1s. 6d. per cental.

Potatoes.—Price, £5 10s. to £6 per ton; duty, £1 per ton.

Onions.—Price, £7 to £7 10s. per ton; duty, £1 per ton.

Peas, grey.—Price, 4s. 6d. per bush.

Peas, blue.—Price, 6s. 9d. to 7s. per bush.

Bacon.—Price, 7d. to 9d. per lb.; duty, 3d. per lb.

Ham.—Price, 9d. to 11d. per lb.; duty, 3d. per lb.

Butter.—Price, 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d. per lb.; duty, 3d. per lb.

Cheese.—Price, 8½d. to 9d. per lb.; duty, 3d. per lb.

Eggs, store.—Price, 1s. 4d. to 1s. 6d. per doz.; duty, 1s. 6d. per doz.

The duties are yet under consideration in parliament. They may be reduced, but it is not probable that there will be any change.

In articles where the duties prohibit importation at present there is a very considerable re-export to the islands which the duties do not effect.

The Fiji trade, particularly now that the Canadian-Australian steamers make Suva a port of call, should be open to Canadian exports.

I should be glad to obtain the names of firms who are prepared to export to this market, with quotations delivered at Suva, Brisbane and Sydney. It will be necessary to get through freight rates from the point of production to destination. The quotations will, of course, be subject to fluctuations of the market, but will be valuable in furnishing a fair idea when trade is possible. In making quotations it must be remembered that the Australian standard weight of a bushel of oats is forty and of barley fifty-two pounds. It would be well to mail small samples of grain. The butter would have to be shipped in cold and the meats and cheese in cool storage, and freight estimates must cover charges for same. Cable addresses should always be given, as the business will be done by cable. Terms will be cash, either by letter of credit or on presentation of documents here. In the latter case provision must be made in price for exchange.

Hitherto, except in the case of flour, attempts to get produce from Canada have not been very successful. It is alleged that the prices quoted, when inquiries have been made, have been those of local markets plus freight here, and in consequence business has gone to United States firms, which are thoroughly organized and secure best rates direct from the producer to their agents in Australia. It is in the hope of securing some of this trade for Canadian exporters I ask the attention of your board to this circular letter.

The letter was received and referred to the press for publication.

Chairman Todd complained of the manuer in which the steamer Rosalie is now operated. She has been leaving Victoria at noon every day for the past week. The matter should be brought to the attention of the local manager.

The subject of attendance was also discussed, and the small amount of interest in the affairs of the board deplored. The meeting then adjourned.

COURT OF REVISION.

Forty-Three Appeals Against the Current Assessment Roll.

The annual meeting of the Municipal Court of Revision was held this morning in the council chamber, city hall, commencing at 10 o'clock. The court consisted of Mayor Hayward, Alds. Kinsman, Worthington, Yates and Grahame. There are altogether forty-three appeals against the current assessment roll, and of these action was taken on thirteen this morning. The total reduction was $2,320 as follows: Land, $9.20; improvements, $1,400. In one case a reduction of $20 was granted. An adjournment was taken till to-morrow when the remaining appeals will be decided.

Those dealt with this morning follow:

John Creed, jr., lots 825 and 826, decision adjourned.

Messrs. Robertson & Robertson, for Mrs. A. R. Robertson, appeal on land, lot 4, block 77, Fort property, withdrawn. Improvements on same lot to stand as assessed.

G. H. Sluggett, lot 31, block 5, Hillside extension, to stand as assessed; improvements reduced to $800.

Robt. Hetherington, lot 24, block 1, Fairfield road, reduced to $500.

Geo. Herd, improvements on lot 1,040, reduced to $1,000.

A. W. More & Co., for Jno. McAlister, part block 5, Beckley Farm, to stand as assessed. Subdivision 5 and 6 of lots 1,723 and 1,724, block 60, and improvements to stand as assessed also.

Mrs. M. Lee, 1-5 acre, section 68, blk. 10, Fernwood estate; also blocks 11, 12, 18, 19 and 20 to stand as assessed; block 23 reduced to $3,900. Improvements to stand.

F. J. Dawley, parts 3 and 4 of 5 acre lot 15 to stand as assessed. Improvement on same ordered reduced to $350.

A. H. Phillips, lots 8 to 10, block 29, Beckley farm, to stand. Improvements reduced to $500.

Charles Ireland, lot 9, block Z, to stand. Lot 22, block 10, Beckley farm, reduced to $500. Improvements reduced to $800.

R. Ward & Co., for Curtis and Harvey, lots in Lime Bay, section 31, lots 1, acre, 1, 2 and 3 to stand as assessed.

M. R. Robbins, blocks 11, 12 and 13, Oaklands, to stand. Improvements on 12 also to stand. Part of block 25, Oaklands, reduced to $330.

John Creed, jr., lots 825 and 826, to stand. Improvements reduced to $1,200.

The hearing of the appeal of A. W. Jones for the Finlaison estate, a large list in all, was adjourned till to-morrow.

As the improvements on lot 12, block 28, Fairfield estate, belonging to J. Sherbourne, have been removed, the assessment on same is struck off. The land is assessed at $500.

SENSATIONAL STORY

Of Discovery of Plot Against the King—Nothing Official.

London, June 17.—A sensational story is current in London to-night of the discovery of a plot to assassinate King Edward. It has created considerable discussion in newspapers, and other circles, but is lacking in anything like official confirmation.

According to the current report, King Edward's sudden illness at Aldershot was not due to a cold, but was merely an excuse for withdrawing His Majesty from public functions owing to the discovery by Scotland Yard of a plot against his life. The principals in this plot have not yet been arrested. It is cited in confirmation of this story that King Edward's recovery, when he was ensconced at Windsor Castle, was as complete and speedy as his attacks had been sudden.

On the other hand it must be pointed out that if His Majesty's illness was merely diplomatic, the officials certainly took a great deal of trouble in keeping up the fiction. Sir Francis Laking, physician in ordinary to the King, was summoned by telegram to Aldershot. His prescriptions were hurriedly filled, and everything about the King's apartments indicated the genuine nature of his illness. Furthermore, King Edward's journey from Aldershot to Windsor in his motor car and his subsequent drive to-day in Windsor Park do not seem to indicate any fear of a violent attack upon his person.

A Scotland Yard to-night the utmost reticence was maintained concerning these rumors. It was noticeable, however, that the chief inspectors who usually return home at night were all on duty there, and while they refused to see newspaper reporters until to-morrow morning, they declined either to deny or confirm the rumor.

Continual surprise is caused in London at the revelation of the large number of Boers who are still in the field at the conclusion of the war. The surrender of 700 men at Calvinia, Cape Colony, the majority of whom were Cape rebels, brings the total of surrendered up to date to 18,500 men.

PILE TERRORS SWEPT AWAY.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment stands at the head as a reliever, healer, and sure cure for Piles in all forms. One application will give comfort in a few minutes, and three to six days' application according to directions will cure chronic cases. It relieves all itching and burning skin diseases in a day. 35 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—79.

THE DIRECTOR HAS HAD FAIR SUCCESS

SECURED A CATCH OF OVER SIX HUNDRED

Sealing Association Met Yesterday to Consider Demands of Indians—Fishery Cruiser Named.

Victoria sealers received good news yesterday. It came by cable from the captain of the schooner Director, which vessel, the message stated, put into Hakodate with all well on board and with a catch of 620 skins. This is the largest catch that has been reported since hunting operations were commenced this year, and in fact the only one of which news has been received coming from the vessels working on the Japan coast. The fleet comprises five schooners, and if all enjoy proportionately the success of the Director they will assist materially in making up for the shortage of the spring catch. The schooners will be joined by a fleet of six off the Copper island coast, and if the season happens to be favorable may not after all prove the unprofitable one that it has up till now been regarded.

The cable news was read at a meeting of the Victoria Sealers' Association yesterday afternoon, when several matters pertaining to the management of the business on this coast was discussed. The most important of these was the advance in pay which the Indians are demanding before signing for Behring sea cruises. The increase asked is altogether beyond the reach of the Sealers' Association, and of course cannot be given. After considerable discussion of the subject it was decided to leave the matter largely in the hands of the captains of the various vessels for adjustment. Ten of the schooners are now on the coast looking for native crews and the whole fleet to be sent to Behring sea will shortly be in search of Indian crews.

AWAITS A LICENSE.

Capt. Gullin and crew of the 40-ton schooner Geo. W. Prescott, who have fitted up an expedition to Behring Sea and are ready to proceed to sea, now find themselves in a quandary. The vessel has not been granted a sealing license, for the reason, it is said, that American citizens are interested in her ownership, and, until the matter has been inquired into, will not be able to leave port. The schooner is one of the few vessels not in the sealing combine, and those interested in her allege that for this reason influence has been brought to bear leading to her right as a British sealer being questioned. They have been at considerable expense in preparing the schooner for sea, and have even gone to the extent of getting provisions on board for the cruise before discovering the trouble ahead of them. They have been told that an effort was going to be made to prevent them entering the sealing industry.

The Prescott was formerly an American vessel, and was owned by Captain Douglas, a navigator, who, although having lived a large number of years in this city, is an American citizen. The schooner was built about six years ago, and registered at Port Townsend. She was placed in the whaling business and went to the Arctic for the first four years of her career. A year or so ago her present crew went north and took her down from Cape Nome. On arrival here she was seized and sold for wages due her crew, who bought her in at the time of the sale. These men claim that no American is interested in her, that the schooner now has British registry, and that her right as a sealer can be clearly defined. It is about 12 days ago since they discovered that any impediment stood in their way of going to sea, and they consider their delay in port a most serious matter, as the schooner has yet to secure Indian hunters on the coast.

It is said that another schooner in port will be denied the right to go sealing on the same grounds as mentioned.

THE COAL TRADE.

The following is the report of the San Francisco coal market for the week ending June 14th, issued by J. W. Harrison, the coal and metal broker:

Coal arrivals since the steamer Sonoma left are as follows: Alice McDonald, 480 tons; Westgate, 2,845 tons; Albyn, 3,221 tons; Sea King, 2,195 tons; total, 9,101 tons. There are twelve coal carriers that are fully due here in the next thirty days. The chartered list of coal vessels foots up thirty-four in number, with a carrying capacity of about 22,000 tons. Fortunately for the importers of these cargoes, fully ninety per cent of the coal had already been disposed of, as it would be very difficult to make resales to-day at the same prices at which they have been contracted for. It is singular that the loading list continues so large, in view of the fact that it is with difficulty that a cargo can be sold on arrival here at its importation cost. In the bids recently made for coal supplies for the government transports, Australian grades were marked down to very low figures. The contract has not yet been awarded. Fuel oil continues to make inroads among steam consumers, which makes the outlook for the future peculiarly discouraging. Reports are being generally disseminated that a number of our ocean going steamers are about being modified, so as to discontinue the further use of coal. Some of our wholesale dealers are meditating reducing the sizes of their plants here locally, as the real estate being utilized by them has become very valuable within the past two years.

SEARCH FOR WRECK.

The search for the sunken steamer Rio de Janeiro, off the Golden Gate, which has been prosecuted without success by a number of divers during the year, is to be resumed. John A. Bower of Columbus, Ohio, is the owner of a diving apparatus with which he believes greater depths can be explored.

Hitherto the swirling currents that sweeps through Golden Gate and the depth of the water have compelled those who searched for the Rio to give up the quest for the vessel.

"Currents and deep water will not affect the success of my enterprise," says Bower. 'If the Rio lies within a radius of one mile from Fort Point I shall find her. I have been here a month and have made a study of the tides and currents, and believe the vessel lies somewhere inside the entrance to the harbor. My apparatus is now on the way from the East. It is a patent diving suit of nine feet long. The diver is relieved of the pressure of the sea, gets plenty of air and can work at great depths for a number of hours. The device is equipped with an electric light. At a test made in Lake Huron the operator remained under water at a depth of thirty-five fathoms for two hours and thirty minutes."

NAMED THE KESTREL.

The name of Kestrel has been decided on by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries for the new Dominion fisheries protection cruiser building at Vancouver. The vessel is being constructed by A. Wallace, of Vancouver, and is being put together at the foot of Granville street. She is now in an advanced state of construction, being ready for the reception of the boiler, built by Polson, of Toronto. The new steamer is one of two which the Dominion government has built for the fisheries service, the Georgia, the vessel turned out in a Victoria shipyard, being already in operation on the Fraser. She is 105 feet over all, 24 feet by the beam, and 11 feet depth of hold. In christening her the Kestrel the department is following up the line of selecting the names of birds for the fisheries protection cruisers. The bird of that name is a small, slender European hawk of a reddish fawn color, streaked and spotted with white and black.

THE H. F. GLADE.

Great interest is being maintained, not only in Victoria, but at many points along the Pacific coast and elswhere, in the voyage of the German ship H. F. Glade. There is some money wagered on her arrival at 95 per cent., she is out 240 days from San Francisco for Liverpool. In San Francisco the gamblers are still playing the ship to arrive, despite the chances, and there is no less than $175,000 wagered on her at San Francisco. The San Francisco Examiner says: "A statement alleged to have been made by the captain was much discussed in shipping circles here, and has tended to buoy up those who do not despair of the vessel. Captain Haeslop is quoted as having said before he left this port that his vessel was so foul that he expected to be from 200 to 250 days, and would not be surprised if he was 300 days on the voyage. 'My vessel can scarcely move,' he is reported to have said. 'She has been in the water for two years without having once been on the dry dock.'"

SEALERS ON JAPAN COAST.

Two more of the Japan coast sealing fleet have put into Hakodate, news of their arrival having been reported to the Victoria Sealing Company by cable message yesterday. The schooners are the Triumph and Geneva, and are mentioned as having catches of 465 and 540 skins, respectively. The latter exceeds that of the Director, the first schooner heard from, which was 620 skins. These catches would seem to indicate that the sealers in Asiatic waters are reaping the advantages of good weather, for they have not heretofore visited port since arriving on the coast. Should they have as good luck in hunting along the coast of the Copper Islands later in the season, they will be the top liners of the fleet out this season, unless a most phenominal success is met with in the Behring Sea, which is not expected. The schooners put into Hakodate, the Japan headquarters of the Victoria sealers, to replenish water supplies.

TOOK ORE TO TACOMA.

Steamer Otter returned from Tacoma this morning, whether she went with about 150 tons of ore from the Treks mine, Quatsino, for smelting purposes. The shipment is the first that has been forwarded from the mine, and cleans up all that was on the wharf at Quatsino ready for sending south. Work at the mine, however, was going on without interruption, and another shipment will be ready for dispatch in the near future. The Otter took the inside passage both going to and coming from Quatsino, as smooth water is always to be found on this route at this time of year, while the distance is about the same as by the open ocean run.

N. K. Y. LINERS.

Two of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet will be in port to-day. The Tosa Maru arrived this morning from Seattle on her way outward for the Orient, while the Kaga Maru passed Carmanah at 9 o'clock this morning inward bound. She should reach port this afternoon. She is bringing from the Orient for Victoria 107 tons of freight and 64 Chinese. The Tosa has a very large cargo and a good number of passengers. To the list there were added three Japs, one European and one Chinese.

Radcliff, the official hangman, has arrived in Brandon to fulfil his mission on June 20th. He is now engaged superintending the erection of the scaffold upon which Walter Gordon will pay the extreme penalty of the law.

Salt does not enter into the food of the poor Venetians. They never taste it, and the hospital for scrofulous children at Lido is filled by those who have not had this necessary article in their food.

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VISIT TO CROFTON AND MOUNT SICKER

UTAH PRESS PEOPLE ENJOY ROUND TRIP

Pleasant Journey via the E. & N. Railway Returning by V., T. & S. Boat and Train.

The excursion arranged by the Tourist Association yesterday for the visiting members of the Utah Press proved a great success, although the plan of campaign originally designed had to be varied a little to suit the unexpected things which happened. But the main object of the trip—that the visitors should have an opportunity of seeing something of the country behind Victoria, as well as of the city and its immediate surroundings—was fulfilled, and there can be no doubt that the ladies and gentlemen of or attached to the fourth estate of Utah enjoyed the day's outing very much.

About fifty of the visitors went on the trip, and the party was accompanied by L. G. McQuade, president of the board of trade, Mr. A. B. Fraser, Ald. Cameron, Jas. Forman and Miss M. Heathfield, of the Tourist Association, and two representatives of the local press.

There was plenty to talk about—the scenery, the extent of the province, the methods of our government and a hundred other local matters which always interest visitors from the United States, and on the other hand the local people who were with the party took advantage of the opportunity to get a little information concerning the land and faith of the Mormons.

It was disappointing to be assured that the romantic institution of polygamy has altogether vanished, and that a man down there in Utah has to be satisfied with just one helpmeet, and often has to hustle for the one. And Mormanism remains just an ordinary Christian sect more or less like hundreds of others. A lady of the party informed the writer that a very high standard of popular education exists in Utah to-day, and that both young women and men are highly cultured. Certain of the minor indulgences of life—such as the drinking of coffee and tea, the use of much meat, tobacco, smoking and so on are discountenanced by the stricter members of the sect, it being a popular idea down there that such things are not beneficial.

But the popular idea of Mormanism—naturally centered on the most peculiar of its doctrines, now defunct—is slow to change. The visitors brought with them a number of little bottles filled with water from the Great Salt Lake as mementos to give away to people they meet on their travels. One of these bottle was duly presented to a Victorian. "That bottle," said the donor, laughingly, "entitles you to six wives."

The Victorian rose gallantly to the occasion. "I'll take six bottles, please!" said he promptly.

The train left the E. & N. depot at 9 o'clock, and steamed off through the fine panorama of mountain, valley and lake scenery that lies between Victoria and Westholm, arriving at the Mount Sicker siding about midday.

At the siding the little engine with a couple of impromptu cars, which looked as if they had been got up for the occasion, lay in wait for the party. The little train amused the visitors very much, and the ladies declared they would not have missed riding on it for anything. The ascent of the mountain along Henry Croft's clever little narrow guage line was most exciting, and was rendered additionally lively for the male occupants of the rear car by reason of the descent upon them from time to time of coal dust and sparks from the engine.

At the Lenora the party were welcomed by Mr. John Croft and Mr. Wilmer, and were conducted to the new hotel, where an excellent lunch was provided for them by Mr. H. Croft. They were then shown over the surface workings of the mine by Mr. Croft, and were shown the big dump at the Tyee, which contains $300,000 worth of ore. Mt. Sicker township, evolving from virgin forest into a neat little city, also proved interesting to the visitors.

At two o'clock the little train was boarded again, and after giving three cheers for Mr. Croft and Mr. Wilmer, the journey to Crofton commenced. This trip is most fascinating. A series of switchbacks lead up one side of the mountain, giving an opportunity for glimpses of some very beautiful scenery, and then follows the long down grade into Crofton.

Arrived at Crofton the party visited the smelter, and then went into the township. The steamer which was to have reached Crofton in the afternoon unfortunately met with a mishap to her machinery, and so the party had to wait until the evening, when the Unican, returning to Sidney from Nanaimo, was sent up to Crofton arriving there at 8.30. The delay was not regretted as the visitors put in the time collecting seaweed, shells, flowers and other mementos of the place—there being a well known botanist amongst them who made quite a collection of flowers and ferns, and it led, moreover, to a very enjoyable moonlight trip to Sidney through the pretty waterways and the islands of the Gulf. The trip was rendered additionally enjoyable by the visitors singing a number of their popular hymns and songs. The weather was splendid. The sun shone all the day except for a shower of rain at Mt. Sicker, which kindly fell at lunch time.

The executive of the Tourist Association deserves great praise for the arranging and carrying out of the excursion, and their guests expressed themselves as being very much pleased, and will doubtless carry away with them a pleasant recollection of the day.

The party reached Victoria just before midnight, and were taken to their hotels in the busses.

This morning the members of the Utah Press Association paid a visit to the United States consul, and they are spending the rest of the day in looking round the city and its environs. They will return to Seattle by this evening's steamer.

DEATH OF PIONEER.

B. W. Pearse Passed Away in the Royal Provincial Jubilee Hospital This Morning.

Benjamin William Pearse, one of the oldest residents of Victoria, one who has lived in this city from the time the place was laid off as a townsite, died this morning in the seventieth year of his life.

He has been suffering for a considerable time from an internal malady and his death, therefore, has been somewhat looked for by the most sanguine of his friends. He breathed his last in the Jubilee hospital this morning.

Deceased was a native of Devonshire, England, and leaves a widow and two nephews living in the province to mourn his loss. One daughter, his only child, died a year or so ago.

Mr. Pearse came to British Columbia in the early fifties, and being a member of the Legislative council at the time of Confederation was made an "honorable." He was a surveyor and civil engineer by profession, and was at that time assistant surveyor-general under J. D. Pemberton. It was while in this position that he helped in the laying out of the townsite of Victoria. At another time it is said he was connected with the building of the marine sanitarium at Esquimalt, now used by the navy for office purposes, but then erected in a hurry at the instigation of the admiralty for the sufferers of the Crimean war coming from Petropaloski and China. These sufferers, however, never came and the building was used for many years as the marine hospital until the new one now standing facing Constance Cove supplanted it. Mr. Pearse also had the designing of the old post office buildings on Government street. For many years he represented the city on the aldermanic board. Of late years, however, he has lived a very retired life, his home on Cadboro Bay road being an ideal and beautiful home, one of the most pretentious places in the city. Said a contemporary of his this afternoon: "Mr. Pearse has done a great deal of work in connection with the early stages of the colony, and what ever he did he did well." He was a staunch supporter of the Reformed Episcopal church from the time it was founded in this city. He was married twice, his first wife dying in the year 1872.

NEW MACHINERY INSTALLED.

Lenora, Tyee and Key City Plants Being Improved—W. Buxton From Sicker.

With the advancement of the summer season the work on the different Mount Sicker mining properties is increasing. On both the Lenora, Tyee and Key City mines new machinery is at persent being installed, and arrivals from Sicker state that it will not now be any length of time before both the latter become active shippers.

At the Lenora men are employed in installing quite an amount of new machinery, among which is a new 100-horse power boiler supplied by the Vancouver Engineering Works and a seven drill compressor, purchased of Holman & Co., of Camborne, Cornwall. The latter is the first English compressor in British Columbia, and is of the most modern type. There will also be some new ore sampling machinery installed in order to facilitate the handling of the immense amount of ore shipped by the Lenora.

Operations in the development of the Tyee property are also being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. A new double drum hoist 10x14 to sink to 1,000 feet is also being installed by Joshua Hendy, of San Francisco. At the Key City properties a 40 horse-power boiler, purchased from the Vancouver Engineering Works, is being installed also by Mr. Hendy.

W. Buxton, foreman at the Lenora mine, arrived from Sicker yesterday on a brief holiday. In conversation this morning Mr. Buxton expressed the opinion that Mount Sicker was going to be one of the greatest mining camps in the West before any length of time.

COPPER CANYON MINE.

Progress Made on Property—Shares Selling Well.

The Copper Canyon mine, at the foot of Mount Sicker, the principal property of the Mount Sicker and Mount Brenton Mines, Ltd., is all right, and the public of Victoria are evidently convinced of the fact. W. A. Dier, manager of the company, reports that the treasury stock is being well taken up here, and he anticipates no difficulty in disposing of the 100,000 shares that the company intend to issue.

A number of Victorians have recently visited the property at the invitation of Mr. Dier, and have thoroughly inspected the workings and carried away their own samples of the rock. The result is shown by the large sales of stock now going forward.

The developments in this property and in the other big shows higher up the mountain fully warrant the assumption that Mount Sicker camp has come to stay and will grow rapidly into an important mining centre.

Mr. Dier, accompanied by Ald. Grahame, the president of the company, has just returned from a visit of inspection to the camp. Work in the main tunnel of the Copper Canyon is, he states, proceeding, and the ore body recently met is showing up well, being from 4 to 4½ feet in width and carrying high values in copper. A large sample from this lode is to be seen at Mr. Grahame's office, Government street, which would assay over 20 per cent. in copper.

Mr. Dier will shortly have an announcement to make which will interest shareholders and the public generally.

"BOUGHT MY LIFE FOR 35 CENTS." This was one man's way of putting it when he had been pronounced incurable from chronic dyspepsia. "It was a living death to me until I tried Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets. Thanks to them to-day I am well, and I tell my friends I bought my life for 35 cents." 60 in a box. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—80.

GETTING READY FOR CELEBRATION

ARRANGEMENTS ARE PROGRESSING NICELY

Railway Companies to Co-operate in Transportation to Macaulay—An Excursion From Tacoma.

Meetings of the finance, decoration and printing committees, in connection with the coronation celebration arrangements, were held yesterday afternoon. There were present: Mayor Hayward, Ald. Worthington, and Messrs A. J. Dallain, S. Redgrave, Chief Watson, Geo. Jeeves, McDonald, T. W. Walker, C. H. Lugrin, W. J. Hanna and J. C. Darling. A communication was read from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Tacoma to the effect that the association had chartered the steamer City of Seattle to bring an excursion to the city on Coronation Day, and that they expected at least 800 passengers. Excursions are also being arranged from other points on the Sound, Mainland and Island.

In regard to transportation to Macaulay Point on the day of the naval and military review, it was reported that the British Columbia Electric and E. & N. Railway companies would co-operate to carry crowds to the scene of the pageant. Trains will leave the E. & N. depot, Store street, every ten minutes from 9.30 in the morning, and will connect with cars for Macaulay Point at Russell's station. In this way the round-about route by Rock Bay and Point Ellice bridges will be avoided. The fare for the round trip will be 20 cents.

On the evening of Coronation Day bonfires will be lighted on Cedar and Beacon hills, which will be seen for miles.

In connection with the excursion from Tacoma, the Vancouver Province says:

"Another evidence of the energetic booming which the city of Victoria is receiving at the hands of the Tourist Association of that city comes to hand in the announcement made this morning by Capt. Norman Nicholson, master of the steamer City of Seattle, that on June 26th the Seattle will take an excursion of 800 people from Tacoma to Victoria.

"The excursion was planned by the Young Men's Christian Association of Tacoma, in conjunction with the officials of the Victoria Tourist Association which is just now doing so much to induce people to visit the Island City, and which is, by the way, performing its work most successfully.

"The City of Seattle will sail from Tacoma early on the morning of June 26th and will land her excursionists in Victoria in ample time for them to observe or participate in the festivities which have been arranged in honor of Coronation Day. The Seattle will sail from Victoria, on her return to the Sound, late in the evening.

"It has several times been pointed out to the citizens of Vancouver that an association on lines similar to those of the Victoria body would be of great benefit to this city, at the same time advertising it and placing in circulation a certain amount of loose cash. At times Vancouver is inclined to look upon Victoria as just a little behind the times, but in the matter of advertising she appears to be forging ahead. The business men of this city have the matter in their hands."

Celebration in Seattle.

In Seattle the British-Americans intend celebrating the coronation of King Edward with a patriotic gathering in the Grand Opera house on Wednesday evening, and with a banquet at which 150 persons will be seated the following evening at the Rainier-Grand hotel. Preparations for the celebration are in the hands of the British-American League, of which John W. Pratt is president and Frank R. Armstrong secretary. At the banquet Bernard Pelly, British vice-consul at Seattle, will be the guest of honor.

A concert, interspersed with speeches by prominent men either of British birth or of British ancestry, will be the nature of the entertainment to be given in the Grand Opera house on the first day of the coronation festivities. Speakers will be the Rev. H. H. Gowan, P. D. Hughes, Austin E. Griffiths and John W. Pratt. The detailed programme is not as yet complete with the musical, both vocal and instrumental, numbers and other entertaining features, though in some happy and appropriate way England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales and the leading colonies of the British empire will receive representation. On the committee of arrangements are C. R. Wilcox, Frank R. Armstrong, Harwood Morgan, W. W. Williams and David Myers. Not for financial reasons, but to impose a slight check on the attendance that evening, a small charge will be made for reserved seats.

E. Cardin will preside at the banquet the next evening. It will be difficult to accommodate all those who wish to come, so the committee has decided to limit the attendance at the board to 75 couples. The three principal toasts will be: "The Occasion We Celebrate," with a toast to the King; "Our Country," with a toast to the President, and "The Union in Friendship of the English Speaking Race." Who will respond to these toasts has not been announced. C. H. Bebb, Frank Waterhouse, J. B. MacDougall, Charles Louch and Griffith Davies compose the committee supervising the banquet.

H. B. Dunbar, of the Rainier-Grand, has planned many elaborate arrangements for the day, and will float the British flag, under the American, on the hotel building.

A machine has just been installed in the pension office at Washington which will "lick" and seal 25,000 official envelopes a day. Previously the work was done by hand.

The last general election in Great Britain and Ireland cost £507,186 13s. 11½d. ($2,965,933). The average cost of each vote polled was 5s. 9d. ($1.43).