

THE IMPROVEMENT OF THIS CITY

E. A. JAMES GIVES VIEWS ON SUBJECT

He Points Out the Great Asset Which Victoria Possesses in Climate.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
"By judicious boulevarding and improvement work the city of Victoria could be made a most beautiful place," said E. A. James, formerly general manager of the western line of the Canadian Northern railway, to a Times reporter yesterday. "In this city you have the green grass all the year round. It differs so much in this respect from Winnipeg and the cities in almost any other part of Canada. If in those cities it is worth while boulevarding for only about half of the year it certainly ought to be worth it in this evergreen city."

"I have read the scheme propounded by Mr. Tasse and the views of the other prominent men who have expressed their views on this subject through your paper. I believe that the idea is a splendid one. Of course I do not like to say too much on this matter as I can hardly claim to be a permanent resident here, it not being certain that I shall be able to make my permanent home in this city just yet. However, any influence I may have will be used to further the end you are working for."

"What I am particularly interested in," continued Mr. James, is the improvement of the roads. I like driving an automobile, and the roads in the suburbs and in the surrounding country are better than any in the world, but within the city they are wretched. Take for instance Oak Bay avenue. It is almost impossible to stay in the car while going down that road until one comes to the outside of the city. Then at once the road is perfect."

"If it was a difficult matter to keep the roads in shape here one would not complain so much. All that is needed in many cases is a few loads of gravel which has not to be hauled very far. In many of the prairie cities the roads were nothing but soft mud and it was a very difficult task converting them into good macadamized thoroughfares. Here it is quite different."

"It is my opinion that those people who keep automobiles are good people to have around. They usually spend a good deal of money and it is worth while catering to them. The automobile thoroughfares were in good condition this would be an ideal spot for the sport of motoring."

"On this matter of roads I know what I am talking about. I am an old railway man and have made roads for years. I should like to repeat that it is comparatively easy to make roads here and also to alter them at any time after they are made. For this reason it should be worth while keeping them in good shape."

"This matter of roads and boulevarding is a necessity if Victoria is to become the great tourist resort that it should. Los Angeles has been almost wholly built up by the tourist trade. During my visit to that city there were 25,000 tourists in the city and it was calculated that each of them was worth to the city no less than ten dollars a day. This is the reason why every one who visits that city there were 25,000 tourists in the city and it was calculated that each of them was worth to the city no less than ten dollars a day."

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"I have been to Mexico, California, Florida and Great Britain in the winter time," continued the railway man, "and Victoria has the best winter climate of them all."

"Yes, I know the prairies pretty well and I am certain that if there is a good crop this season there will be a wonderful influx into this city. The people there recognize that the prairie is a good place to make money, but they will come here as fast as circumstances will permit. The charms of Victoria are now recognized where she is known and thousands will come here as soon as possible."

LONGBOAT WOULD RUN IN THREE EVENTS

But Committee May Reserve Indian for Marathon at Olympic Games.

Toronto, March 18.—Tom Longboat will start in three races in England at the Olympic games, he can secure permission from the committee, namely the one mile, five mile, and Marathon events. It is not likely that he will be allowed to do this, as it is felt that he should be reserved exclusively for the big race.
Flanagan proposes to sail from Canada with the Indian scout about May 10th.

ILLUSTRATED WRITE UP.

The publishers of the Wheat Belt, a monthly illustrated magazine, designed to give up to date and accurate information regarding the towns and districts of the West, are completing a number dealing with Victoria and Vancouver Island. This will be issued shortly, and will constitute a still further medium of publicity for the peculiar charms of this city and island.

GIVEN SWORD BY LEE.

Dead Artist and Recluse Was Assistant Secretary of Confederate Navy.
St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—It is learned that Russell Riley, an artist and litterateur who died here on Monday after being forty years a recluse, was assistant secretary of the Confederate navy during the civil war. He was at one time an assistant of General Robert Lee, who is said to have given him one of his swords at the end of the war. A search will be made for his relatives.

STUDENTS MAY GO ON STRIKE.

Stanford Men Want Leaders of Riotous Parade Reinstated.
San Francisco, March 18.—A strike of students is threatened in Stanford University unless the leaders of the riotous parade are allowed to return to their classes. The parade entered the varsity library, demanding less restrictive measures on student conduct. The leaders were expelled.

WARSHIPS MAY TAKE ACTION

IF HAITIEN CRISIS REMAINS UNSETTLED

Powers Will Demand Resignation of Turbulent President.
Paris, March 18.—A special dispatch received here from Port Au Prince states that the representatives of the foreign powers there have decided that unless there is a rapid settlement of the present crisis they will formulate a demand for the resignation of President Nord Alexis and the formation of a provisional government to be followed immediately by the elections. In the meantime, the dispatch states, no further executions will be permitted.

Arrangements have been made, continues the dispatch, with the commanders of the German cruiser Bremen and the British cruiser Indefatigable to land marines at a signal from the legations. The minister of war has brought reinforcements from Gonaives by order of the president and is manning the town defences. The presence of the warships appears to have a salutary effect.

FARM LABORERS WANTED.

One Thousand Applications Received at Immigration Department in Winnipeg.
Winnipeg, March 18.—At the immigration department one thousand applications have been received for farm laborers. Every day the number of applications are being received, and men in the city and incoming settlers will find no scarcity of employment.

At the present time 500 men are needed on the Portia branch, and everywhere farmers throughout the west are calling for men to assist in the farm work.

BIG GUELPH FIRM FAILS.

Dry Goods Manufacturer of 40 Years Standing in Liquidation.
Toronto, March 18.—E. R. Bollert & Co., dry goods merchants of Guelph, have assigned to Henry Barber, The company has been in business for 40 years, and it conducted the largest store of its kind in Western Ontario. The stock and assets are valued at about \$500,000, and the liabilities at over \$600,000.

The failure is attributed to the poor trade of the winter and the spring.

BURNED TO A CRISP.

Two Notorious Women Lose Their Lives in Fire of Mysterious Origin.
St. John, March 18.—As a result of a mysterious fire in a Sheffield street house, Clara McGuggan, a well known character of that section, was burned to a crisp, and Margaret Harris, also well known to the police, died at a hospital two hours later. It is believed the women were in a state of intoxication and that the blaze was caused by cigarette ashes.

MACKENZIE KING IN LONDON.

London, March 18.—Mackenzie King had a lengthy interview with Lord Strathcona this morning preliminary to a conference with Lord Elgin and other ministers in the course of a few days.

REGINA'S NEW FIRE HALL.

Regina, March 18.—The city is to build a new \$10,000 fire hall, and equip the same, on the north side of the city, to be erected this season. It was decided at the same time that the city insure all members of the fire department against fire, and a recommendation will be made that accident insurance of \$1,000 each be placed by the city on all members of the fire department.

NEW C. P. R. BRANCH.

Montreal, March 18.—It is definitely announced that the new Toronto-Sudbury line of the Canadian Pacific railway will be opened for traffic on June 15th. The company will then have a direct line of its own from Toronto to the Pacific coast.

CARDINAL'S DEMISE.

Rome, March 17.—Cardinal Eldredge died in this city yesterday of inflammation of the kidneys. He was born in 1833, and was created cardinal in 1899.

WATFORD CONSERVATIVES.

Watford, Ont., March 18.—The East Lambton Conservatives have nominated Mr. Montgomery, M. P. P., for the legislature at the next elections.

SAYS IRISH WILL PREVENT ALLIANCE

BETWEEN ENGLAND AND UNITED STATES

Fenian Leader Attacks Britain and "Loyal Toronto" Applauds.

Toronto, March 18.—Orange Toronto had the rare experience of having a Fenian leader attack England last night, and strange to say the citizens of "Loyal Toronto" applauded his sentiments.

"Since the Spanish war, England and English influence have been anxiously trying to bring about an alliance with the United States," said Matthew Cummings, of Boston, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of America, in Massey hall, "but the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts has opposed it. To-day the English have sent Ambassador Jimmy Bryce, whose particular mission is to effect an alliance with the United States. The freedom of the union was bought with the blood of the Irish race, and as president of the greatest Irish organization in the world I shall use all my influence to make it impossible for this to be done. We shall use all our power and influence to defeat the alliance."

WANT MISSIONARIES IN ARCTIC CIRCLE

Bishop Holmes Says Number of White Settlers Have Created Demand.
Edmonton, March 18.—Bishop Holmes says for the past two years has been in charge of the Episcopal missions in the Arctic circle, is in the city. He states that the work there has reached a crisis. Hitherto the missions were confined wholly to the Indians and Eskimos, but within the past year or two there has been such an enormous increase in the number of white settlers that the church is unable to do necessary to expand its operations, but in this it is seriously handicapped by the want of missionaries.

SCHOOL EMPTIED IN NINETY SECONDS

Nine Hundred Boys Escape From Blazing Montreal Building.

Montreal, March 18.—Fire broke out in the St. Bridges school and caused a panic among the parents living near the school. When the blaze was discovered there were 900 boys in the school, and in a minute and a half the four-story structure was empty of all but those engaged in fighting the fire. The damage was quite small.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY.

Ontario Government May Extend Guarantee to Concern.
Toronto, March 18.—It is understood that the Ontario government has made arrangements for the extension of a guarantee of \$1,000,000 of the Canadian Improvement Company which expires on April 1st, and which was formed to finance the Lake Superior Company.

SEED GRAIN FOR ALBERTA FARMERS

Both Homesteaders and New Settlers Will Be Fully Supplied.

Edmonton, March 18.—The seed branch of the department of agriculture organized by the Dominion and provincial governments are busily at work on the numerous applications for seed received.

TWO INJURED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Exposed Lamps Cause Accident in Colliery at Edmonton.

Edmonton, March 18.—An explosion of gas occurred yesterday in the mine of the United Collieries Company, resulting in the mine manager, F. Aspinwall and the mine engineer, Cole, being badly burned about the face. The men had only just gone into the mine when the accident took place, both having exposed lamps which came in contact with the gas that had become liberated somewhere in the mine.

MAPLE RIDGE PIONEER DEAD.

Adam Irving Attained Ripe Old Age of 81 Years.
New Westminster, March 17.—At the advanced age of eighty-one years, Adam Irving, one of the oldest settlers in the municipality of Maple Ridge, passed away at his home this morning. The late Mr. Irving was out of the best known farmers in the district, having emigrated there in the early seventies from Ingersoll, Ont. He leaves a large circle of sorrowing friends and relatives. The members of the family who survive their father are Mrs. R. Wintemute, Mrs. J. Reid, Mrs. J. W. Sinclair and Mrs. J. Irwin, all of this city; Mrs. J. D. Fraser, of Vancouver, and an only son, Jas. Irving, who resides on the home place.

INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

Ottawa, March 18.—The private bill committee of the Commons yesterday favorably reported the bill for the incorporation of the Institute of Architects of Canada, with several amendments one of which prevents the institute from becoming a close corporation.

EIGHTEEN, AND MUST DIE.

Young Girl Sentenced in Russia For Revolutionary Practices.
St. Petersburg, March 18.—A court-martial yesterday passed the death sentence on three social revolutionists, among whom was an 18-year-old girl who was the leader in several daring robberies.

SIBERIAN FISHERIES.

Japanese Contractors Demand Enlargement of Treaty Rights.
Vladivostok, March 18.—One hundred Japanese fish contractors, led by the Japanese consul, withdrew from the annual auction of rights in the fishing districts on the Russian coast. They demand an enlargement of the treaty rights governing the fishing privileges.

Three Killed in Collision on C. P. R.

(Special to The Times.)
Tweed, Ont., March 18.—Three C. P. R. section men named Anderson, Fleming and Woodcock, were struck and killed by a light engine striking a hand car. They were coming around a curve near Kaladar, four miles from here. All were married and leave families.

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MONEY TO BUILD HUDSON BAY LINE

William Mackenzie Leaves for England to Float Bonds.

Regina, Sask., March 18.—The Standard says in an item from Ottawa yesterday: William Mackenzie, of the C. N. R., leaves for England within the next few days to raise money to float bonds for the building of the Hudson Bay railroad. A proposition has been submitted to the government which has considered the scheme and has offered certain grants on bonds and subsidies for the steamers.

HINDUS DEPORTED ON C. P. R. STEAMER

Thirty-five Leave for Hongkong, Being Physically Unfit for Canada.

Vancouver, March 18.—Thirty-five Hindus, deported because of their physical or financial disability, left to-day by the C. P. R. steamer Empress of Japan for Hongkong. Representatives of the remaining one hundred and eighty-three are in court this morning on habeas corpus proceedings in an attempt to set aside the deportation order made yesterday by Dr. Monro because Hindus did not come directly from their native land.

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BRITAIN'S PREMIER IS SINKING

DISQUIETING SYMPTOMS HAVE DEVELOPED

Sir Henry's State Will Cause Reconstruction of Imperial Cabinet.

London, March 18.—Late last night the condition of the premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, was unchanged, but on account of disquieting symptoms the physicians decided to remain in attendance through the night.

There was much speculation in the lobbies of the parliament last evening with regard to the coming cabinet changes. It is understood that the accession of Herbert H. Asquith to the premiership there will be a reconstruction; the Marquis of Ripon and Sir Henry Fowler both retiring on account of advanced age, and Winston Spencer Churchill, under secretary for the colonies, and Sir Walter Runciman, financial secretary to the treasury being promoted to cabinet rank.

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WOULD PUT EUROPEAN CONCERT OUT OF TUNE

Russia Issues Counter Proposal to British Note on Macedonia.

St. Petersburg, March 18.—The Novoe Vremya publishes an interview with a high official of the foreign office who criticizes the British proposal with regard to Macedonia, as bound to produce discord among the powers. In Russia's view, says the official, the appointment of a Christian governor-general for Macedonia would be absolutely impossible as it would destroy Turkish sovereignty.

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DOUCHED SHERIFF.

Hamilton Woman Fined \$20 For Pouring Hot Water on Law Officer.
Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—At the police court yesterday Mrs. Gertrude Mastedo, 132 Pictou street, east, was fined twenty dollars or a month in jail on the charge of assaulting John Littlehales, a sheriff's officer.

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