

MARINE WORKS BEING ENLARGED

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS TO MACHINERY DEPOT

New Boiler Shops Have Been Started—Up-to-date Plant is Installed.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

In order to appreciate the permanency of Victoria's growth, it is only necessary to look around among the business firms and note the progress which they have made. This is especially true of the ship building and ship repairing industry, in which this city takes a foremost place along the coast.

Commendable enterprise has been shown by the Victoria Machinery and Ship Repairing Co. in the building of the new boiler shops, which were started some months ago. While a severe blow to the firm at the time, the result has been a very radical improvement in the plant.

The company began at once to replace the destroyed works and in the upper part of Victoria harbor great improvements are still being made to their plant. These improvements will be such as will place this firm in the forefront in the matter of ship repair work. The fire wiped out most of the old shops with the result that new and larger ones have sprung up and still further additions are to be made.

The foundations just being laid of an immense boiler shop, to be of brick and iron, in order that it may be fireproof. This building will be 250 feet long and 85 feet wide. It will be fitted with hydraulic apparatus of the very latest models. This plant will be imported from England, as will most of the other large tools used in the new shop. The ground floor will all be devoted to the purposes of a boiler shop, and above, over part of it, will be a second story. In order to make room for this building the offices of the company have been moved to the corner of Turner and Work street, at the end of the company's property.

Already the firm has a new machine shop built of brick and iron 180 feet by 70 feet which is fitted with overhead cranes, hydraulic press with a capacity of one hundred tons, and all the latest machinery. The whole of the machinery is driven by either electricity or steam power, both having been installed. The immensities which was purchased just before the big fire escaped with very little injury and is again in working order as is also the engine which was built for themselves by the company.

The electric motor is on the second floor, as is also the pattern shop fitted with saws, planers and all the necessary accessories. Near it on the same floor is a room in which the small tools are made. In the boiler room are two boilers, while a third is to be installed at once to meet the needs of the company.

The foundry adjoining the machine shop is a building 160 feet in length by 70 feet wide. Above is a traveling crane, and at one end four drying kilns. There are already two appliances for melting metal and another is being especially installed for treating copper.

In all, the company has on its payroll 175 men, and as soon as the new boiler shop has been completed and all the other improvements made the number will be largely increased. In comparison with this it may be noted that ten years ago, when the present management took control, only 14 men were employed. The growth has been steady and of a healthy character.

At present this firm is very busy, having in hand a number of big jobs that will keep it busy for some time. Work is in progress on a new floating tank for the use of the quarantine department at William Head, which will be used in treating the clothing and other possessions of immigrants, by submitting them to a heat of 200 degrees in a vacuum. Besides that there are a number of vessels waiting to be cleaned, others overhauling at the dock, and orders on hand for sundry work in different parts of the province. One notable piece of work under way is preparing the machinery for the new pulp and saw mill at Quatsino for the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company.

In the past the company has been somewhat handicapped by the fact that the upper harbor was not deep enough to allow ships of any draft to pass up that far, but to a large extent this has been remedied by the Dominion government, and the dredge Mudlark at work deepening the channel. There is still room for betterment in this respect, but it is being improved steadily.

The machinery depot has a large yard extending almost from the sealing company's wharf to Turner street, and there is plenty of room for steamers to tie up or to anchor off the wharves.

The business is under the joint management of C. J. V. Spratt and A. J. Bechtel, to whom great credit is due for the immense development of the concern, as well as to the yard manager, Mr. Houston. Such businesses as these, managed on progressive lines, are of the greatest importance to the permanent welfare of the city.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 3rd to 9th March, 1909.
Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 37 hours and 38 minutes; rain, 2.3 inch; highest temperature, 52.4 on 3rd; lowest, 31.4 on 9th.
Vancouver—Total sunshine, 12 hours and 46 minutes; rain, 1.34 inch; highest temperature, 60 on 4th; lowest, 28 on 6th.
New Westminster—Rain, 1.32 inch; highest temperature, 62 on 4th; lowest, 28 on 6th.
Kamloops—Rain, .01 inch; highest temperature, 52 on 3rd; lowest, 24 on 6th.
Backus—Rain, 1.46 inch; highest temperature, 38 on 3rd; lowest, 6 on 6th.
Port Simpson—Rain, .48 inch; highest temperature, 43 on 8th; lowest, 28 on 4th.
Alton—Snow, 1.40 inch; highest temperature, 36 on 9th; lowest, 8 below on 5th.
Dawson—Snow, 2.80 inches; highest temperature, 14 on 5th; lowest, 24 below on 8th.

LOAN IN PARIS.
The Franco-American bank has been successful in floating a loan of \$1,000,000 in Paris, and the bank is now in a position to place a big French credit in

NEW PRINTING HOUSE.

Acme Press Has Opened Job Rooms on Government Street.

A new job printing house, to be known as the Acme Press, has been opened in the city. Quarters have been taken over the Army and Navy cigar store on the corner of Government and Bastion streets. The members of the firm are well known in Victoria. All are practical printers of long experience and have a very intimate knowledge of all branches of the trade. A. F. Stevens, J. C. McNeill and J. P. Watson compose the new firm.

An entirely new plant has been purchased and is being placed in position. All classes of commercial work will be handled by them, the facilities being excellent for dispatch in work.

ONANFA IS BRINGING HEAVY CARGO TO PORT

Steam Roller for Oak Bay Municipality Expected on Liner.

Over one thousand tons of freight is expected here on the Blue Funnel liner Onanfa, which is due to arrive here from Liverpool via the Orient on Sunday next. Of this 500 tons is from Liverpool and includes shipments to a number of the Victoria merchants.

One of the important pieces of machinery which she is bringing is a steam roller for the Oak Bay municipality, which was ordered late in the autumn. This roller is for use in the construction of roads both as a roller and for power in running the rock crusher.

The largest consignees are R. P. Rithet & Co., and E. G. Prior & Co., but there is also a consignment of 160 tons of tin plate to the order of Evans, Coleman & Evans, which will be used in manufacturing cans in anticipation of the big run of salmon this year.

Other interesting consignments is one of 32 tons of window glass to be used on the new houses which are rapidly springing up in all parts of this city, and also stores for His Majesty's ships Egeria and Algerine. Five crates of mushroom spawn coming as settlers effects to R. W. Neate in this city is a rather odd shipment.

Besides the Victoria freight the liner will have a very large amount of goods for Vancouver.

C. A. HARRISON MAY BUILD HOTEL HERE

He is Negotiating for Property and Sees Good Opportunities in City.

C. A. Harrison, of Seattle, formerly proprietor of the Driford, was in the city this week in connection with timber business. While here Mr. Harrison took occasion to look into the question of erecting a hotel in Victoria. He has not lost his faith in the city, and sees an opportunity for doing a good business in that line.

If Mr. Harrison is able to make the arrangements he has in hand he will build and take charge of the new hotel himself. It will be conveniently situated for the steamboat trade, and with the growth of the tourist travel to the city he sees splendid opportunities for such a house as he contemplates.

BENDROTT WINS FIVE MILES FROM HOWELL

Final Skating Contest of Ten Miles To-morrow Night.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
At Koller's roller rink, Vancouver, last night, J. C. Bendrott, of Victoria, a member of the J. B. A. A., won the second event in the three night skating contest against Bert Howell, of Vancouver, and formerly of Boston.

The two men are now even, Howell having won the first event last Tuesday night for a distance of over three miles by half a lap. The match last night was five miles, and Bendrott's time for the distance was fifteen minutes ten seconds.

The contests provided for three matches of three, five and ten miles. The first two were won one and the ten mile event, which will decide the contest, will be skated to-morrow night.

G. T. P. OFFICIAL COMING TO COAST

General Manager Chamberlain Will Be Here This Month.

E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the G. T. P., will visit the coast towards the end of the month and will include Victoria in the points visited. The successor of Frank W. Morse recently made a trip as far as Edmonton, but returned to Montreal without coming on to the coast.

Darcy Tate, assistant solicitor of the company, who is now in Victoria, will remain in the west until Mr. Chamberlain comes. He may make a trip to the prairies to transact necessary business, but will be here again when the general manager reaches the coast.

The Pythian Sisters will hold a Shamrock social dance on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, in the A. O. U. W. hall. An excellent programme is being prepared and a good time is promised to all those who attend.

STEAMER WANTED FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Scarcity of Coasting Craft Caused by Development Work.

The prospect of a big trade this coming year is making steamers very scarce, so much so that it is almost impossible to secure one at the present time at a reasonable price. There are plenty in England, but by the time negotiations have been completed and the vessel brought out and overhauled, the season will be practically gone. A firm at Prince Rupert is at present looking for a suitable vessel to put on the run between Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands, but it is impossible to secure one without paying two prices for it. Those who are behind the company say that the business will be a paying one from the start, but there is not a steamer to spare anywhere on the coast so far as can be ascertained.

This is a wholly new phase of the shipping business. For the past year or two, there have been steamers in plenty to be had almost for the asking, but the opening of the Alaska-Yukon exhibition, and the development of Prince Rupert and other parts of the coast, is having the effect of making owners of suitable coasting steamers hold on to them unless they are able to get abnormally high prices.

DUNSMUIR CASTLE MAY BE AGAIN OCCUPIED

Irving H. Wheatcroft is New Tenant—Part of Estate to Be Cut Up.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After being idle since the death of the late Mrs. Dunsmuir, "Craigdarroch," Port Moody, most commonly known as Dunsmuir Castle, has been let to Irving H. Wheatcroft, proprietor of St. James Island and the famous St. James racing stable.

Mr. Wheatcroft, it is understood, has taken a lease of a portion of the property, including the castle, and will use it as a family residence. He will probably occupy the castle this summer.

The balance of the property outside that described in the lease to Mr. Wheatcroft will, it is reported, be cut up into residence areas of large dimensions and offered for sale to the public by the executors of the Dunsmuir estate. The land fronting Port Street and Rockland avenue will be used for this purpose, while a portion of the Fort street frontage has been reserved to go with the house and to provide a suitable entrance drive from the street and the necessary grounds required by a residence of the size.

The opening up of the estate as reported will serve to give property buyers who are searching for lots an opportunity to get into a most desirable portion of Victoria.

FORT GEORGE, WITH 20 SOULS, POSTED AS MISSING

Vessel Certain to Have Met Disaster in Voyage Round Horn.

The ship Fort George bound from New York to Honolulu has been posted as missing at Lloyds.

On board the vessel when she left New York for her trip around the Horn were Capt. Fullerton and his wife and crew of eighteen. She was laden with 2,500 tons of general merchandise.

The Fort George was built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1884. She is of 1,705 tons net register, 263 feet long, with beam and 23 feet deep. Welch & Co., of New York, are her owners.

PROTECTION OF LIFE ON LEVEL CROSSINGS

Federal Government to Provide Annual Sum—New Gov- ernment Bill.

Ottawa, March 11.—Hon. Mr. G. P. Graham explained in the house to-day that the government bill to provide for the protection of level crossings, the main features would include the setting aside of federal funds amounting to \$200,000 each year for five years to be applied by the railway commission. To no single crossing shall more than twenty per cent of the total cost of protection be applied, and no more than \$5,000 in any event when the commission may apportion the balance of cost between the railway company and the municipality.

In all crossings hereafter created by the railways the whole cost of protection shall fall on the companies.

The lecture delivered by George Carter on Tuesday at the schoolroom of the First Congregational church was a very interesting one. The meeting was opened by Rev. H. A. Carson, pastor of the church, and a solo was sung by Mr. J. E. Sinclair. Mr. Carter told in an interesting manner of the manners, customs and characteristics of the people of Japan and China, towards the end, touching on the Oriental quest as regards British Columbia. The room was made overflowed in appearance by ladies and other articles from the east. The chairman also spoke on the subject of Oriental immigration. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the chairman and lecturer for their services and after J. Burton had sung the gathering closed with singing the National Anthem.

LITTLE CHANGE IN LOCAL MARKET PRICES

Eggs Are Firm—Australian Onions Are Arriving in the City.

There is little change in the local market. Asparagus and rhubarb from California have come down a little in price. Australian onions are arriving also. Eggs are not plentiful, the demand being fully up to the supply, so that prices remain firm.

The flour market is somewhat unsettled and prices are not being quoted far ahead.

The retail prices are as follows:

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| Olives | 1.75 |
| Pratt's Coal Oil | 1.65 |
| Eocene | 1.50 |
| Hams (B. C.), per lb. | 20 25 |
| Bacon (B. C.), per lb. | 25 25 |
| Bacon (American), per lb. | 25 25 |
| Bacon (rolled), per lb. | 25 25 |
| Shoulders, per lb. | 15 25 |
| Bacon (long clear), per lb. | 20 25 |
| Beef, per lb. | 10 18 |
| Pork, per lb. | 12 15 |
| Lamb, per lb. | 12 20 |
| Lamb, forequarter | 12 15 |
| Veal, per lb. | 12 20 |
| Suet, per lb. | 15 15 |

Farm Products

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| Fresh Island Eggs | 80 35 |
| Best Dairy Butter | 30 45 |
| Butter (Creamery) | 40 45 |
| Lard, per lb. | 20 20 |
| Western Canada Flour Mills | 2.00 |
| Purity, per sack | 1.75 |
| Purity, per bbl. | 17 50 |
| Three Star Patent, per bbl. | 7.15 |
| Hungarian Flour— | |
| Ogilvie's Royal Household, | 1.90 |
| per sack | |
| Ogilvie's Royal Household, | 1.90 |
| per bbl. | |
| Lake of Woods, per bbl. | 2.75 |
| Okanagan, per sack | 2.00 |
| Okanagan, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| Calgary Hungarian, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| Calgary Hungarian, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| Moose Jaw, per sack | 1.00 |
| Moose Jaw, per bbl. | 7.00 |
| Excelsior, per sack | 1.75 |
| Excelsior, per bbl. | 7.75 |
| Oak Lake, per sack | 2.00 |
| Oak Lake, per bbl. | 7.75 |
| Hudson's Bay, per sack | 2.00 |
| Hudson's Bay, per bbl. | 7.75 |
| Endeavour, per sack | 2.00 |
| Endeavour, per bbl. | 7.75 |

Pastry Flour—

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| Snowflake, per sack | 1.75 |
| Snowflake, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| O. K. Best Pastry, per sack | 1.75 |
| O. K. Best Pastry, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| O. K. Four Star, per sack | 1.75 |
| O. K. Four Star, per bbl. | 1.75 |
| Drifted Snow, per sack | 1.75 |
| Drifted Snow, per bbl. | 1.75 |

Grain—

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| Wheat, per ton | 40.00 |
| Wheat, per lb. | 25 25 |
| Oats, per ton | 22.00 |
| Oats, per lb. | 13 50 |
| Barley | 35 00 |
| Whole Corn | 45 00 |
| Cracked Corn | 45 00 |
| Rolls Oats (B. & K.), 23-lb. sack | 1.25 |
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| Rolls Oats (B. & K.), 23-lb. sk. | 1.25 |
| Oatmeal, 10-lb. sack | 1.25 |
| Oatmeal, 50-lb. sack | 1.25 |
| Rolls Wheat, 10 lbs. | 1.25 |
| Cracked Wheat, 10 lbs. | 1.25 |
| Wheat Flakes, per packet | 1.25 |
| Whole Wheat Flour, 50 lbs. | 1.25 |
| Graham Flour, 10 lbs. | 1.25 |
| Graham Flour, 50 lbs. | 1.25 |

Feed—

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| Hay (baled), new, per ton | 18.00 |
| Straw, per bale | 75 25 |
| Middlings, per ton | 35 00 |
| Ground Feed, per ton | 35 00 |
| Shorts | 24 00 |

Poultry—

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| Dressed Fowl, per lb. | 25 20 |
| Ducks, per lb. | 25 25 |
| Geese (island), per lb. | 20 25 |
| Turkey, per lb. | 20 25 |
| Garden Produce | |
| Cabbage, per lb. | 5 25 |
| Potatoes (local) | 1.50 |
| Potatoes (foreign) | 1.75 |
| Onions (Cal.), per lb. | 1.75 |
| Carrots, per lb. | 5 25 |

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

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| Lemons | 4.50 |
| Walnuts (Cal.) | 15 20 |
| Walnuts (Eastern) | 15 20 |
| Apples, per box | 1.75 |
| Pineapples, per box | 1.50 |
| Cabbage, per lb. | 20 10 |
| Cocoanuts, each | 20 10 |
| Ham | 15 25 |
| Butter | 15 25 |
| Carrots, per lb. | 10 15 |
| Bananas, per lb. | 10 15 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 10 15 |
| Potatoes (local), per ton | 30 00 |
| Potatoes (Ashcroft), per ton | 30 00 |
| Butter (Creamery), per lb. | 30 40 |
| Butter (Dairy), per lb. | 30 40 |
| Eggs (ranch), per doz | 30 40 |
| Hay, per ton | 30 40 |
| Corn, per ton | 45 00 |
| Oats, per ton (new) | 20 00 |
| Grape Fruit | 5 00 |
| Oranges (navel) | 2.50 |
| Onions | 2.50 |
| Onions (Antwerp) | 2.50 |
| Dates, per pkg. | 70 8 |
| Dates, bulk | 70 8 |
| Tomatoes (Cal.), per crate | 2.50 |
| Celery | 1.10 |
| Parasnis | 20 25 |
| Pigs (Smyrna) | 15 25 |
| Asparagus | 15 25 |
| Rhubarb (Cal.) | 10 15 |
| Sprouts (Cal.) | 10 15 |

NANAIMO'S BASTION

Relic of Hudson's Bay Company Days in Danger of Collapsing.

The old, historic Bastion of the Hudson's Bay Company in Nanaimo, the only relic of its kind left in British Columbia, is in danger of collapse, and City Council has agreed to purchase the site to save the relic.

It has been found that the walls of the building have decayed to such an extent that it seems marvelous the building stands at all, and in order to renew the relic and place the Bastion again in first-class condition the local Post and Native Sons has taken the matter up, and are going to take up a subscription in the city and will also ask the council for a donation.

It is estimated the necessary work will cost in the neighborhood of \$250.

SKEENA NAVIGATION OPENS TO-DAY

P. R. Fleming of Prince Rupert Talks of That City.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

P. R. Fleming, of Prince Rupert, formerly of the C. P. R., is leaving for the north again to-morrow night, on the Princess Beatrice. He says that things are moving fast in the new city. There are 350 men at work on the streets for the Wholcom Lumber Company and 125 more at sewer work, besides the construction gangs.

Navigation will commence on the Skeena to-day, when Foley, Welch & Stewart's sternwheeler, the Skeena, is leaving on her first trip to the lower camps. The river is clear of ice as far as Telegraph point, but above that it is possible to drive a team across on the ice.

Mr. Fleming says that the sternwheeler has been much improved since last year. Her old engines have been replaced by stronger ones, and a new stern has been built to the vessel since she left up in the winter.

Everyone in the north is looking forward to the spring rush, especially when the lots are placed on the market.

PIER ISLAND SOLD BY CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY

He Will Likely Make His Home in or Near Vic- toria.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Capt. Clive Phillipps-Wolley has sold Pier Island, near Sidney, and will later vacate the property. It is likely that he will move either to Victoria or to some place close to the city.

The purchaser of the island is Robert Millar, who resides in the east. The latter's plans in connection with the property have not been made known.

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE.

Vancouver, March 10.—At the annual meeting of the board of trade, officers for the year were elected as follows: President, H. A. Stone; vice-president, E. Buchanan; secretary, William Skene; council, Messrs. R. H. Alexander, H. Bell, Irving, F. Buscombe, A. B. Erskine, William Godfrey, E. H. Heaps, W. G. MacKinnon, W. H. Mallin, A. G. McCandless, R. P. McLennan, James Ramsay, C. E. Tisdall, D. von Cramer, F. T. Walker and Charles Woodward.

SUCCESSFUL TO INJURIES.

Nelson, March 10.—Ozell Glover, fireman, who was scalded through the explosion of a locomotive boiler at Porton early on Monday morning, passed away in the hospital here at 8:30 at night. Donald MacQuarrie, fireman, who was also injured, died earlier in the day.

A regular meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held at the Queen's hotel parlors Tuesday with President Baylis in the chair. It was decided that at future meetings some practical work in the way of judging would be taken up by the members, a specimen being provided each evening, and all members taking part in the judging.

WATERWORKS BILL APPROVED

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amendment was practically the proposition of the city and had been accepted by the city council.

"One good member would do more for Victoria than the four it has," remarked J. H. Hawthorthwaite as introducing to saying that instead of having "an offer of purchase for not less than \$700,000" inserted in the bill it should be made "not more than \$700,000."

Mr. Thomson repeated that the city had fixed that sum. It wanted to deal absolutely fairly with the Esquimalt Waterworks Company and considered that the figure decided on was dealing fairly. If the city thought too much it could proceed to arbitration.

Best Solution of Tangle.

"This bill presents a rather unusual position to us," said J. A. Macdonald. "We are practically asked to interfere in a dispute between the city and the Esquimalt company. We are practically asked to interfere with the legal rights of the parties in the matter of obtaining for the city the waters of Goldstream. I propose to vote for the amendment of the fourth member for Victoria, because I believe it would be perhaps the best disposition which could be made of a most unfortunate tangle."

As I understand there can be no question that this legislature would be to the privilege Victoria may have to expropriate the whole works of the company. I understand the Esquimalt company is prepared to submit to expropriation. The question that remains to be settled between them, or be settled by this legislature, is the basis on which the value of the works shall be ascertained by the arbitrators. I understand the Esquimalt company are prepared to arbitrate on the basis that the city shall pay what the works are worth at their present value. Now that seems a fair and reasonable basis and if there were no complication there can be no question that this legislature would be justified in interfering. But as I understand it, the city was given the right in 1873 to obtain water within an area of twenty miles. This bill was amended in 1882 and the same year the Esquimalt company was given certain rights, subject to the rights of the city. The Esquimalt company has gone ahead on the authority of that command itself to every right-minded person. There was no doubt the amendment was well-conceived. In substance, it assured for Victoria a supply of pure water. This did not for a moment mean that the city had not a splendid supply, but this was an energetic portion of the province, developing at a tremendous rate, and making

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"I am constrained to say on behalf of the mayor and council, with whom I have recently had many meetings, that so far as my cognizance of their acts is concerned they have never to me shown any sign that would imply that they had any idea of confiscation. On the other hand,