

RE BRITISH TRADE WITH THE DOMINION

Local Commercial Men Confer With the Commissioner From England

QUESTION OF A B. C. CORRESPONDENT

Argument That Victoria Is Entitled to Consideration in Any Such Selection

The council of the board of trade met Tuesday morning to confer with Mr. R. Grigg, the British trade commissioner who has been in the city for the last few days.

"For sometime past, it has been felt by the business men, not only in Victoria, but throughout the whole of Canada, that the business men of the mother country have not paid that attention to the trade of Canada that it deserved, and that they have not valued that trade at its worth.

"The imperial board of trade, in response to the representations made by the United Chamber of Commerce, appointed Mr. Grigg to visit the Dominion, and report upon the conditions of trade in this country, and have also empowered him to recommend gentlemen throughout the Dominion who would act as correspondents with the imperial board of trade so as to bring our merchants more closely in touch with their business men in this regard.

"There is no city in the Dominion of Canada, in proportion to her population, that has as fine a street trade as Great Britain has, and while we wish to encourage that trade, we know that we have to import a great many articles from the United States that can be, and should be made in Great Britain.

"After being introduced by the president, Mr. Grigg addressed the members, stating the aims and reasons of his visit to Canada, and the results of his previous tour.

"The question of appointing a commercial agent in Victoria was next taken up. Mr. Grigg informed the meeting that his instructions did not include the nomination of such a correspondent in this city.

"At the close of a lengthy discussion on this matter, the executive appointed a small committee to prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting, which when approved will probably be forwarded to the board of trade at London, England.

"The assistance of Lord Strathcona will also be asked in the interests of Victoria. The meeting was very lengthy on account of the above business being transacted and time would not permit of the meeting being adjourned.

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SIMPSON'S BODY FOUND

Grand Forks, B. C., Sept. 5.—The body of Simpson was found at 10 o'clock this morning by the search party in the Kettle river at an old winter ford at Peter Dewilde's ranch, four miles east of Grand Forks.

CRIPPLED BY KIDNEY DISEASE

"I was troubled for years with kidney disease and Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have entirely cured me. When I began the use of these pills I could only walk from my bed to a chair. Now I can go to my field and work like any other man."

SECLUSION AND FASTING

Trying on the Elder Members of the Jesuit Congregation.

Rome, Sept. 5.—Some of the elder delegates of the congregation of the Society of Jesus are suffering from seclusion and fasting entailed by the quadrivium.

SOME REAL ESTATE DEALS

Quite a Few Transactions Recorded Within the Past Few Days.

There has been considerable quiet activity in the real estate business during the past month and numerous properties, small and great, have changed hands at reasonable prices.

Messrs. P. R. Brown, Ltd., sales registered during the last week August comprise a house and lot on Stanley avenue, sold locally, a brick dwelling and two lots on Avelon road sold to a party from the United States.

Messrs. Heisterman & Co. number amongst their sales of the past week, the Y. M. C. A. block belonging to the Green, Weelock estate which realised the sum of \$80,000; the property occupied by Messrs. Sea & Gowen and W. Bowdass sold to Fred Moore and E. J. Scott for \$32,000, in addition to the sales of several large residences and some acreage, all within the limits of the city.

Outside the transactions above mentioned sales have been put through of a large tract of land in the Lake district near Victoria, consisting of 9 sections with a water frontage on Prospect lake, which changed hands for a consideration of \$80,000, and a remarkably cheap purchase of two lots on Green Street, in addition to the sale for the sum of \$1,700.

HUNTERS REPORT

VERY POOR SPORT

Scarcity of Birds Is Attributed to the Unusual Dry Season

The majority of the hunters who took to the woods on Saturday have returned, and with very few exceptions they report very poor sport.

From all along the line the same reports have been received—few birds and a hard scent to follow. This condition of affairs has largely been brought about by the extremely dry season, and it is expected that conditions will improve after a shower of rain.

The train arriving in town on Sunday evening was crowded almost to suffocation, and in the majority of cases the hunters were rather downhearted over their sport.

As yet only one accident has been reported, W. Bailey receiving a charge of buckshot in the leg. It appears that the hunter was rather downhearted over their sport.

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LIFE BOAT DRILL FOR GORGE EVENT

Spectacular Treat Promised at Popular Resort Tomorrow Evening

Although there was "nothing doing" officially at the Gorge park last evening, the summer season of the bioscope and orchestra having closed Monday evening, the few scores of belated picnickers and young couples to whom the sylvan shades and tree-arched walks are ever appealing were treated to an exhibition which they found quite as exciting as any ever exhibited at the Gorge.

The event will be something unique in its way, not only to Victoria but to Western Canada. The exhibition is to be under the auspices of the Lifeboat Association of British Columbia, and is given under sanction and authority of the minister of marine for Canada.

Mr. C. H. Gibbons some weeks ago, this being the first time he has been to Vancouver, where a similar demonstration is proposed to be given at Kitano beach on the evening of the 12th. Roughly outlined, the exhibition includes rescue, both by the lifeboat and the breeches buoy, from a hulk moored offshore in a pretty bay fronting the Gorge park, which will be assembled as an abandoned ship. Upon this craft will be a number of actors in the game playing the role of distressed mariners.

At 8 p. m. signals will be fired from the supposed wreck, these consisting of four blue, four blue lights, blue rockets, and one or two red rockets. The response from the lifeboat will be the same—the lifeboat lying off at some distance from the wreck and its position being indicated by the blue light by the answering shots and signals.

The lifeboat will then pull out, burning blue lights and firing until she comes abreast of the wreck, where she will be seen by the blue light and the rockets. When the signal light from the wreck will be seen, the lifeboat will then pull out, burning blue lights and firing until she comes abreast of the wreck, where she will be seen by the blue light and the rockets.

A VICTORIA MAN'S SUCCESS IN SOUTH

Robert Musgrave Occupying an Important Mining Post in Mexico

A Mexico exchange, just to hand, contains the following respecting Robert Musgrave, a son of Edward Musgrave of this city:

"There seems to be no recent development in the El Tigre-Ensenada litigation, although a final decision from the supreme court of Mexico is expected during the autumn months. In the meantime, the property is being operated ably and energetically by the new superintendent, Mr. Robert Musgrave, and one and a half concentrates are being shipped regularly to the Copper Queen smelter at Douglas.

"The Tigre company is fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Musgrave, who will be remembered as having been in charge of the engineering staff of the Copper Queen for the past few years and who was in charge of that company's mines at Sierra, N. M., and at the present time at Sierra de Cobre, Cananea, Mexico.

"Mr. Musgrave started in the profession as a practical miner and timberman on mining properties in Arizona, and afterwards graduated as a mining engineer from McGill university in Montreal. Before coming to Arizona, he was superintendent of the Montreal Chrome Iron company's mines and concentrator, and later superintendent of the T. C. Copper company's mines in British Columbia and connected with the geological survey of that province.

"His engagements in connection with the West and his various positions carried him from Labrador to Mexico and from Quebec to British Columbia and the experience gained will accrue to the advantage and profit of the splendid property he is now in charge of.

ABANDON OUTWARD CALL

Empress Steamers Will Not Dock When Outbound.

The Empress liners will hereafter not call at Victoria on their outward trip, this being part of the alterations in the service made in connection with the carriage of the "Oversea Mail" from London to Hongkong. The Victoria passengers, mails, etc., will be taken to the liners in the Royal Roads by a tender, which will be run at intervals when the Empress of China sailed.

The steamer made a fast run from Vancouver and arrived in the Roads at 2:30 p. m. It was not until 2:30 p. m., however, that the tender came to meet the mails and passengers and the liner was able to start on her voyage to Hongkong. Much more time was saved in this manner than in the case of the liner being docked as usual at the outer wharf.

On her outward run to Hongkong, which is 7100 landman's miles from Victoria, the Empress of China has made the run in 10 days and 10 hours. An interesting passenger on the liner is Captain Tillet, who was the first master of the steamer. He it was who brought the liner from the British shipyard where she was built, and it was a peculiar coincidence that he should be the first master of the liner steamer, after eleven years' service, was striving for a new record.

Dr. Moore's Tour—Rev. W. Moore, D. D. of Ottawa, lecturer and organizer for the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Canada, accompanied by Dr. C. J. Page, secretary, and Dr. J. H. Moore, Frank H. Eaton, city superintendent of health, visited both the Central and West End hospitals on Wednesday and delivered addresses on such matters in so far as they have opportunities of avoiding the pitfalls that other provinces either fell or were forced into through circumstances existing at the time and with such access to all ordinances of all the provinces they have means of finding out in what respects these have been satisfactory or unsatisfactory and with this object lesson before them they seek to build up the framework of their laws for it is easier to build on good and new foundations than to correct old ones. The schools of Alberta are growing very rapidly.

A SHIPMASTER'S COMPLAINT

Port Warden Surveys the Ship Battle Abbey and Declares Her Seaworthy.

There is complaint among shipping men in connection with the recent police court case with regard to the dismissal of the four seamen of the British ship Battle Abbey who were charged with refusing to obey the lawful commands of the master, Captain Davidson. The complaint is with regard to the manner in which the survey asked for by the seamen was made. It is pointed out by shipping men that Captain Clarke, as port warden, is the official appointed under the law to deal with such surveys, but in this instance a Mr. Ray, who is stated to have a mate's certificate, was appointed to make the survey. The ship, which is loaded with lumber from Port Ludlow for Capetown and came to Esquimaux to have a patch placed on a plate injured by striking on Puget Sound, had been surveyed by Mr. Fowler, Lloyd's surveyor, and by Captain J. S. Gibbs of Seattle, a surveyor representing the San Francisco underwriters who carry the insurance on the cargo.

Lloyd's having the insurance on the hull, and the other surveyors and the mate's certificate, were not in the survey. Since the survey was made by Mr. Ray, who pronounced the rigging unseaworthy, upon which survey the mate's certificate was extended, the rigging in question is in good order and the ship is in sound seaworthy condition, both as to the condition of the hull and the cargo.

Meanwhile the action taken under the survey made by Mr. Ray has resulted in the ship being considerably delayed, and the cargo is being damaged. It is pointed out that the owners and consignees will be materially interested, and act detrimentally to the port.

STUDY EDUCATIONAL QUESTIONS IN WEST

Member of the Alberta Ministry Is Paying a Visit to Victoria

D. S. Mackenzie of Edmonton, deputy minister of education for the province of Alberta, arrived in town Saturday and is registered at the Dominion hotel.

The object of Mr. Mackenzie's visit to the province is one of pleasure and business combined. He desires to become more conversant with the educational system of this province and the administration of schools and to understand the purposes to devote his holiday to the West and to have the opportunity of meeting the educationalists of the Capital during the ensuing week.

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NEW GOODS NEW GOODS

New Neckwear, New Ribbons, New Trimmings, New Velvets, New Buttons, New Silks, New Dress Materials, New Millinery, New Blouse Materials, New Wrapper Materials, New Footwear, New Furs from our factory, New Carpets, New Squares, New Linoleums, New Fancy Work Materials, New Clothing, Hats and Caps, New Furniture—a carload just received, New Tapes, Curtains and Table Covers, New Umbrellas, and a full stock of Underwear for men, women, and children.

BOOK AND STATIONERY DEPT.

French new goods just opened in this department, and include some of Eaton Hurlbut's celebrated Writing Tablets, in the following sizes: Highland's Line Bond, for foreign correspondence. Letter, Double Width, Commercial, Whithrop. Envelopes to match all of these. INKS. Carter's Writing Fluid, quarts. Carter's Copying. Carter's Combined.

MEN'S ENGLISH FOOTWEAR

Table listing various types of men's footwear such as Men's English Chrome Grain, Men's English Tan Calf, etc., with prices.

ENLIGHTENED METHODS OF LIFE INSURANCE

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, has just distributed some official information in the form of a statement which is of great interest and precedents in the history of life insurance were not for the fact that this same institution has before treated its policyholders to similar surprises.

"It may be assumed, then, that a policyholder in the Metropolitan Life Insurance has bought a definite amount of insurance at the lowest market rate, has agreed to pay for it in definite sums at definite intervals, and has no more expectations of extra benefits than he would have in buying fire insurance or a house on similar terms.

It happens, however, that this policyholder is associated with his Policy matters, viz., so far as education of the rising generation is concerned, though in another way it is detrimental in so far that their comparative isolation from other English speaking communities tends to lengthen the process of becoming acquainted with the usages, customs and language of our people.

Speaking generally, the work of the education department has grown up with the determination of being aggressive and progressive for the proper education of all classes of the province. The Liberal support given by the provincial government to schools in the way of grants, lightens the burden upon the shoulders of the settlers, so that the establishment of a school does not constitute too heavy a tax upon them or create a desire to escape from the jurisdiction of the educational body.

Prospective teachers are required to pass the regular departmental examinations unless they can submit certificates of scholarship which the department can recognize. Further than this, after attaining the necessary scholarship standing all teachers are required to take a course of normal training in order to qualify.

LABOR DISPUTES ARRANGED

Hamilton, Sept. 4.—The streets railway company and their employees have agreed to arbitrate their dispute. The cars are running as usual.

SALVING THE MANCHURIA

Epiphany, Sept. 5.—Captain Metcalf who is supervising the salvage work on the steamer Manchuria, expects to be ready on September 10th to pull the vessel from the reef. The schooner that escaped from a train at Bulwaco the officers were bringing him to the

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Qualified Opinion of the Sch by a Vancouver Engineer

KOOTENAY MINING BET

Governor General Is Much proved by His Rest at Nelson

Met. Death on the Track

A Chinaman named Ping Quon killed by being run over by an engine on the C. P. R. tracks this afternoon while waiting along a track. The engine was backing up, just as the accident happened is not clear. His right foot was cut off and there was a deep gash in his head. He died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Good Times Ahead in Rossland

Rossland, B. C., Sept. 8.—The announcement is made that work is to be resumed in a few days on the Mabe property which adjoins the Iron Mine. It is owned by an India syndicate which is being worked at work. It is early in the spring. News from White Bear continues to be of an encouraging character. Some valuable shoots have been uncovered. The management, however, states that it will take several weeks to properly develop them and that only such ore will be shipped as will pay for the cost of the development work.

Ore Shipments Last Week

Following are the shipments for week from the mines of Rossland: Centre Star 15 Le Roi 15 Le Roi No. 2 15 Le Roi No. 2 (milled) 15 Total for the week 210.

During the week ending last evening the following shipments were received at Trail smelter from the mines out of the Rossland camp: St. Eugene, 168 tons; Snowflake, Phoenix, 400 tons; Showdown, 14 tons; 49 tons; Silver King, Nelson, 445 tons; North Star, East Kootenay, 99 tons; Parsonage, East Kootenay, 24 tons; Le Bachelor, Stocan, 21 tons.

Loss by Fire at Trail

A special from Trail says. Fire this morning destroyed the hardware store of N. Wilmers and also William Let bakery shop and his two dwellings. The loss, Wilmer's loss was \$7,000, including \$8,000. Let's losses were \$40,000 with \$1,800 insurance. The cause of fire is unknown, but is supposed to have been a spontaneous combustion and some rags in Wilmer's store.

Vice-Regal Visits Cut Short

His Excellency has decided to cut his trip up Kootenay lake timed for tomorrow, and with the rest of the vice-regal party will leave Nelson tomorrow evening at 7:30 a. m. for the C. P. R. route to the coast.

Earl Grey has almost completely recovered from the effects of his recent indisposition, and is now able to attend to his duties as usual.

CLouDBURST ON HOWE SOUND

Overturning Many Houses and Flooding the Squamous Valley.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 8.—Captain Cotes of the steamer Britannia, reports a very heavy cloudburst on Howe Sound on Friday night. Several houses, including that of Mr. Austin, a lawyer for the Britannia mine, were overturned by the sudden rush of water. Britannia. No one was hurt. The vessel yesterday lay 12 feet deep on the Squamous Valley road, and people were traveling over it in canoes instead of wagons.

SWINDLERS ROUNDED UP

New York, Sept. 8.—Thomas McCarty, alleged to be the head of a gang of forgers who planned to swindle Wall Street banks of \$200,000, had a hearing today and was held in \$5,000 bail. The grand jury. It developed during the hearing that Charles Munster, who is charged with being a member of the band and who was arrested in Chicago escaped from a train at Bulwaco the officers were bringing him to the