

A GRATIFYING REPORT.

Stock of Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company Selling Rapidly.

It is reported that the Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Company is receiving splendid financial support, the stock offered having been favorably received in the Northwest. At a recent meeting held in Victoria such a gratifying report was received from the company's brokers in Winnipeg, Messrs. Teetzal & Bogle, that it was decided to raise the price of shares from 25 cents, their incorporating value, to 35 cents after the 15th of April. It also was decided to send Mr. Bogle to Ottawa, Ont., and other Eastern points to make arrangements for the formation of a subsidiary company to commence boring operations.

The plan of selling shares by instalments having worked so well during the month of February, it was decided to permit Messrs. Teetzal & Bogle, the brokers in Winnipeg, to sell another 25,000 shares on the instalment plan up to the 15th of April.

The secretary of the company states that each day brings in fresh applications from the people in the Northwest Territories and in Winnipeg for shares in the company, ranging from 20 shares up to 1,000; apart from what the company's brokers in Winnipeg are themselves doing.

The Flathead Valley Oil Lands Development Co., Ltd., was incorporated on the 7th July, 1904, and was the first company in British Columbia to enter the Southeast Kootenay field. At the present time it owns 9,000 acres of valuable oil lands situated on that famous oil-bearing strip, through political squabbles, has become so prominent. The claims of the company are situated upon Kish-e-ne-nah and Akimna creeks. Those on Akimna creek are only six miles from the holdings in Alberta of the big oil companies there, one of which already has a gusher yielding several hundred barrels a day. The company's object in selling shares at the present time is to raise money for the development of this Southeast Kootenay property.

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Members of the King's Daughters are arranging a bag social to be held at their rooms on Saturday, the 15th inst. An excellent programme is being arranged, and a pleasant time is promised all who attend.

Captain R. H. Ryan left by the Beatrice Sunday to superintend the repairs at the fishing station lately acquired by the British Pacific Fishing & Canning Company at Refuge Bay. He will also take a contract for bait, and engage fishermen for the season.

The customs returns for the month of March are as follows: Domestic exports, \$19,800; foreign exports, \$660,751; total, \$680,551. The sum of \$64,219.72 was collected in revenue, which amount was made up of \$64,033.48, received in duty; \$38 from Chinese sources and \$148.24 from other sources. The dutiable imports for the month totalled \$1,108,019, and the free imports, \$28,136.

The usually gallery shooting practice was held by members of the High school cadets on Saturday morning at the drill hall. Some of the best scores follow: Elford, 21; Hartman, 21; Macrae, 21; Burgess, 20; Wilby, 20; Sargison, 20; Walter, 19; McNeil, 18; Robson, 18; Taylor, 17; Gregson, 17; Scott, 16; Matthews, 15; Ward, 15; H. Dean, 15; Norris, 14; Jackson, 14; Watson, 14.

Bishop Cridge announced in the Reformed Episcopal church on Sunday that 50 years ago Sunday he landed in Victoria. His long work in the ministerial field in Victoria is unsurpassed in British Columbia. He appeared in good health, and there were members in the congregation who remark that during the last ten years he had been in better form or more earnest. Bishop Cridge attended the meeting of the Ministerial Association Monday morning.

A handsome new car has arrived from the New Westminster manufacturing sheds of the B. C. Electric Railway Company for service over the Victoria lines. Five more are expected from the Mainland during the week. In all probability they will be placed on the Spelling Ridge and Douglas street runs. The new cars, although set on single trucks, are larger than the average, being just slightly smaller than some of those on the Fort street service. They are comfortably furnished.

The remains of Capt. H. Lewis were interred on Saturday. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from the family residence, where services were conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, who also officiated half an hour later at the Reformed Episcopal church. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends, officers and members of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, I. O. F., attending in a body. A profusion of floral tributes testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held by all acquaintances. The following acted as pallbearers: Capt. Gaidin, Capt. Waldron, Capt. Cox, Alex. Munro, and J. H. Lawson, etc.

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Although the Times was enabled on Saturday to announce that the steamer Princess Beatrice had been withdrawn from the Victoria and Seattle route, it was not until after this paper went to press that the details of an arrangement entered into between the C. P. R. Company and the Alaska Steamship Company, relative to the service, were made known to the city. The Princess Beatrice, as stated, has been placed on the northern British Columbia route. She sailed last evening with a good load of freight and passengers, and hereafter will be operated on either the run or in the Shwaka business, according to what decision the company will reach.

The exact nature of the agreement referred to has heretofore not been published. Capt. Troup, who returned from Victoria on Saturday evening, denies that the C. P. R. had withdrawn from the service. Nor does the Alaska Steamship Company abandon the route. The understanding arrived at between the different companies, and carried out through Montreal channels, where Mr. Peabody, the manager of the Alaska Steamship Company had been last week while on his way farther east, stipulates that during a certain dull season both parties to the agreement are to take a hand in supplying the service.

The dull season is put down as between the dates of October 15th and June 1st. During half this period, the C. P. R. Company will supply a steamer, while during the remaining half the Alaska Steamship Company will run a vessel. It was agreed that the Princess Beatrice should be taken off the run on Saturday, and that the Whatcom should continue in the business until June 1st, when the Princess Victoria and the latter steamer should provide a double daily service. During the winter season of next year the Whatcom will be laid off and the Princess Beatrice will be operated alone on the route.

In this way, all clash of interests, it is presumed, has been obviated, and there will be no more need for the cutting of rates. The recent reduction will not prevent the principal rates formerly charged will again apply, these being \$2.00 for the single trip and \$4.00 for the round voyage. In addition, the Alaska Steamship Company's steamers will use the new C. P. R. wharves in James Bay, the Whatcom berthing there during her stay in port. Just how the new arrangement has yet to be demonstrated. It has been conceded that there is hardly sufficient business in the business until June 1st, when the run profitable for two companies, but there is no question that under the present arrangement the business will be very remunerative the whole year around.

There are those who may take objection to the business of the various railroads converging in a great part at the C. P. R. wharf, and there is just the possibility that this very thing may be a little distasteful to competing interests. There is also the possibility that a sharp turn may be taken by some of the corporations concerned who might consider that their business suffers in consequence. To these the Great Northern barge across the Gulf affords the only competition to the C. P. R. Company.

When confronted with this phase of the question on Monday Captain Troup said that the position of his company would be no better than it was before the new wharf was taken over. The C. P. R. Company was then paid for all freight that passed over the Hudson's Bay wharf where the Alaska Steamship Company's steamer is berthed. This argument, however, does not, of course, have any bearing on the business done since January 1st when the Alaska company commenced docking their steamers at Third, Beatty & Company's wharf.

Walter Gies, president of the Alaska Steamship Company, to whose efforts the new arrangement is due in part, is quoted as saying: "It has been fully demonstrated that during the dull seasons of the year there is not sufficient business between the ports in question to make the operation of two lines of steamers profitable, even at the rates in force previous to the present cut. During the winter months both the Canadian Pacific railroad steamer and our own are often run at a loss, and since the cut conditions have, of course, not improved any."

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"We have also decided to put the rates back to the old figure."

TRANS-PACIFIC RATES. A dispatch from San Francisco says: "J. Stubbs and R. P. Schwerin, on behalf of the owners of rail and trans-Pacific steamship lines, have decided upon some changes in the steamer passenger rates. A rate of \$31 a steerage to Chinese and Japanese ports has been agreed upon for the Canadian Pacific steamers at Vancouver, the Hill Company at Seattle, and the Harriman steamers at this port. The Hill Company at the same port are allowed to charge a rate of \$43.50."

GARONNE IN DOCK. The steamship Garonne, owned by the Frank Waterhouse Company, and chartered by the Japanese government for the purpose of transporting parolee Russian prisoners from Japanese ports to a Russian port on the Black Sea, arrived from Seattle on Monday and entered the dry dock. The vessel is to be remodelled. All of the bulkheads, with which she is fitted, have been torn out to make room for the banks of the soldiers who are to

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A SEALER ASHORE. Word has been received, via San Francisco, of another accident to the schooner Florence M. Munie, belonging to William Munie, of this city. The vessel is on her way to Victoria from Halifax, and her owner states is not on a sealing voyage. On December 29th she put into the Barbados leaking, and with a number of sails missing. Repairs were made and the voyage resumed. But news which comes to hand now states that she has dragged her anchors in Possession bay, and has been driven ashore in a heavy gale.

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Splendid progress is being made in the construction of the B. C. Electric railway line to the Gorge. Since the work was started over a number of men have been employed, and it is rapidly advancing. Already the grading has been completed as far as the Gorge bridge. All that has to be done now is the laying and securing of the rails, and, as expected, that the undertaking will be completed by the end of April. It is the intention of the company to push it forward with all possible expedition in order that the line may be ready for the increased summer tourist travel expected this season.

The possibility of arranging a race meet here in connection with the Victoria Day celebrations is being discussed by members of the Victoria Athletic Club. Some days ago V. A. Harrison, proprietor of the Driard hotel, was quoted in the Times as saying that such an event would attract large crowds here from neighboring cities on that occasion. His opinion is shared by the other known ones in the vicinity. When completed this trail will be the most direct and easiest way to Ootsa lake and other interior points.