

VICTORIA IS OF IMPORTANCE

PRESIDENT OF G. T. P. ON FUTURE PLANS

Charles M. Hays Before Board of Trade Assures Connection With City.

Members of the board of trade met this morning for the purpose of conferring with Charles M. Hays, president of the G. T. P. and Frank W. Morse, vice-president of the company. The meeting was called at the hour of 10 o'clock, and was largely attended by the business men of the city.

The president of the board of trade, Simon Lesler, in opening, expressed the appreciation which the board felt at having Mr. Hays and Mr. Morse present. The board appreciated the great work that was being done by the G. T. P., and felt that it would come to the aid of the city.

He explained that among the matters which it was desired should be taken up with Mr. Hays and Mr. Morse was that the British Columbia merchants should get the fullest benefits from the construction of the line in the interior.

He called upon C. H. Lugin to state, on behalf of the board, the subjects about which they sought information. Mr. Lugin outlined these subjects as follows, pointing out that two propositions had been made to the board by the boards of trade of Revelstoke and Kamloops looking to the construction of routes from these points into the interior. The idea was for the boards of trade of these points to give a part of the cost, the government to give a part and the railway company or the contractors interested to give a part.

Another question which it was desired should be taken up was the question of connection to be made with Victoria. It was desired to have the railway brought to the city either by steamboat or by steamboat to the north end of the island from Prince Rupert, and by railway to Victoria, or by a third route by rail from Fort George to Victoria.

Views of Members.

D. R. Ker expressed his pleasure at having Messrs. Hays and Morse present. The future of the country being opened by the G. T. P. had a bright one. There was an interesting rich section which he felt would be developed, and should receive attention. If connection was given with Victoria whereby the company would come into touch with existing means of communication here and on the coast, it would be of great benefit. The timber resources of the northern part of Vancouver Island would be of benefit to the company, and he felt that this should be an inducement to giving of connection. From observation at Edmonton he was able to say that the G. T. P. was being constructed in a manner never attempted by any other line. It would be a route to the north.

J. J. Shallcross referred to the fact that the existing coast cities should work in union with Prince Rupert. There were reasons why the G. T. P. should seek connection with the south. The converging of so many lines of railway to Puget Sound would ensure the calling of a great number of vessels at Victoria. The opening of the Panama canal was going to make Victoria an important port. Port Angeles would in the near future become the terminus of a great line of railway. By car ferry from the opening of the Panama canal was going to make Victoria an important port. Port Angeles would in the near future become the terminus of a great line of railway. By car ferry from the opening of the Panama canal was going to make Victoria an important port.

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"The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor did not report in the dispatch from New York, consequently I could not have endorsed it.

"On August 5th, more than six weeks before I saw President Roosevelt, I made identically the same statement regarding W. H. Taft's candidacy."

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sources were developing to such an extent that their narration almost sounded like fairy tales. The future of the Pacific coast was a great one. The G. T. P. was going to take part in the development of these resources at every point it could reach them. British Columbia was a big country. There would be many railways in it. The G. T. P. would in the north have the advantage of being the first. If it could not hold its own let others take the trade.

Citizens awake to their interests would do as Victorians had done. He reminded them that commerce took the lines of least resistance.

Dealing with the question of the construction roads referred to from British Columbia points to the line of railway. Mr. Hays said his company dealt with the contractors who had to decide what route they would take the supplies in.

It remained for the citizens to put their views before the contractors. He felt Victoria citizens were sufficiently alive to their interests to hold their own.

Victoria had attractions of climate surroundings and position, and its future he felt was assured.

The G. T. P. would have relations with the city. It might not always see eye to eye with Victoria, but he would assure them that he would deal frankly always. He had to look to the interests of the company in his dealings, but these interests were mutual. What benefited one benefited the other.

Frank W. Morse referred to the pleasure he had had in meeting the board four years before. He had then expressed similar views to those expressed by Mr. Hays to-day. The G. T. P. had said, four years ago, intended to reach Victoria. His views had not changed since that time, and the company was looking to Victoria having a part in the system which the company was to establish.

Mr. Lesler thanked the G. T. P. officials for their attendance, after which Mr. Hays asked that they might refer to the fact that they had an appointment with the government.

ATTEMPTING TO BUY U. S. LABOR VOTE

D. J. Keefe Denies Charge Levelled at Himself and President Roosevelt.

New York, Oct. 14.—The Democratic national committee, through John J. Gordon, acting chief of the press bureau last night made public the following statement: "It was stated at the national Democratic committee headquarters that President Roosevelt, by promise of office, had succeeded in having one of the big men of the American Federation of Labor desert President Gompers in his advocacy of the election of Mr. Bryan for the presidency.

"The labor leader in question is Daniel J. Keefe, of Detroit, president of the International Association of Longshoremen and one of the presidents of the Federation of Labor. The Democratic committee alleges that Keefe and the president were closeted together for several hours in Washington on Saturday, October 3rd, and the offer of being named commissioner of immigration, made vacant by the retirement of Commissioner Sargent, was made to Mr. Keefe on the condition of his repudiating Mr. Gompers and the executive committee.

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FEW JAPANESE ARE ENTERING

TREATY IS BEING STRICTLY OBSERVED

Very Limited Number Have Come to Canada Within Two Months.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The treaty recently entered into with Japan has proved effective. The Japanese influx has been completely stopped. It is impossible for a Jap to enter Canada to-day unless he comes under the exemptions which the agreement allows. The agreement formulated by Mr. Lemieux is being carried out with strictness, and its provisions are very strict.

Practically all the Japanese that enter this country come across on the steamers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Japs being extremely loyal to their own lines. A comparison of the numbers brought by the Nippon line last year proves very instructive. In September of last year there arrived 490 Japanese. The majority of these were coolies, who came here to work at manual labor and who would compete with the white laborers on this coast.

The month of October, although not yet far advanced, has seen one boat land and another will be here to-morrow the following day. On the Kaga Maru, which is to arrive this week, there are but four passengers in all, and these may not be Japanese. Should they prove to be from Nippon, however, they will make with those who preceded them this month a total of twenty-six. Last October there were 473 who came into the country.

Of the sixty coming during the two months practically all are wives or children of residents already here. These are the only ones admitted with the exception of merchants and students. No coolies are allowed, unless they are the near relatives of those already here, and that practically prohibits their coming at all. It has been a noticeable fact that none of those coming recently have belonged to the coolie class.

The point that is practically noticeable in connection with the restrictions upon the immigration of the Japanese is that the Japanese officials are becoming so anxious that the provisions of the agreement shall be properly carried out as are the Canadians. They have no wish to send their people to a place where they are not wanted, and are lending all the aid they can in carrying out the provisions of the treaty.

There has been considerable criticism of the action of the Canadian government in the settlement of this Japanese question, and it is particularly satisfactory to know that the result is such a happy one.

LADYSMITH SOCCER MEN TRAINING HARD

Victoria Players Will Have Tough Battle to Win on Saturday.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Ladysmith, Oct. 13.—The local football boys are hard in training for their game with Victoria on Saturday. The club was feeling decidedly anxious about its return date. The boys went down to Victoria at considerable expense to give the players of the capital city a hand out. In fact, the Victoria representatives as good as asked for the date and it was readily given them. It was known at that time, as also on the day that Ladysmith travelled to Victoria that the return match was scheduled for a Sunday. It would have been better, therefore, if the action of the capital city football authorities had been taken before that game was played.

It has been asserted and seems to be generally believed that Victoria has not been getting a fair deal. According to the opinion here, however, the inaugural meeting was called in London and the committee of the Victoria representatives. In discussing the constitution every possible concession was made to Victoria. As regards the request for an alteration of date, Mr. Lockley, the Victoria representative, stated to the executive that the game could be played, that he would rather see it played according to schedule. He did not want the date altered. According to Mr. Lockley the request itself was not attractive. If Mr. Lockley had spoken out all the misrepresentations would have been avoided.

However, Saturday, the 17th, has been given to Victoria. This ought to be acceptable, and perhaps the last has been heard of the deadlock which threatened the future and fortune of the Pacific Coast League. The home boys are taking no chances. They are training assiduously for the game, and a stronger eleven than took the field in Victoria will be available.

—It is not often that the police are able to catch the sellers of liquor to Indians, for reasons which will be obvious to all who know the red man. They secured one offender yesterday afternoon, when Larry Mooney, who has an unenviable reputation as a peddler of the longest police record in town, was found to have sold a quart of rye whiskey to Eli, a Nanaimo Indian. Eli said a kitchman was offered for being drunk and a description of the retailer of the frewator was obtained from them. Larry was arrested and the Indian picked him out of a crowd of six Indians who were accompanying Larry. Larry pleaded guilty and was sent down for two months. For being in possession of the whiskey, which is also an offence under the act, Eli was fined \$25 and \$2.50 turned absent." is the expression of combined opinion.

CHICAGO AGAIN WINS AT BASEBALL

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 13.—The final in the fourth game of the series for the world's championship played here to-day was Chicago, 3; Detroit, 0. Chicago has now won three games and Detroit one.

SOCCER PLAYERS IN A QUANDARY

IMPORTANT LEAGUE MEETING TO-NIGHT

Ladysmith Match May Upset Plans of Local Teams Schedule.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) With the Ladysmith match in view for Saturday and three local league games the soccer players are in a quandary, as while wishing to send the best team to Ladysmith they hesitate about doing so at the expense of their club matches which through the weakening of the eleven to pick the Ladysmith team may result in a shifting of the top club to second place at the end of the season. The two leading clubs in the league are especially anxious in this particular, and the matter will have considerable discussion at the meeting to be held by the executive to-night at Victoria West.

If the present arrangement is allowed to stand however there will be three more interesting matches here on Saturday and those who go out to Oak Bay, the Canteen grounds and the Royal Athletic ground, should see, with the best teams somewhat weakened by the Ladysmith aggregation demands, three more close and exciting contests.

At Oak Bay the Bays will meet the Regiment and as the Bays are the stronger team it is likely to be called on to offer any of their men for the big game they will be able to put a strong team in the field against the Bays, whose ranks will probably be depleted by the travelling team.

Esquimalt, who on form should beat Cedar Hill, will have to give their quota to the Ladysmith team and will on that field against which Cedar Hill will be in a position to make strong battle.

The only match that does not look like a very close game is the last between Victoria West and the Garrison. The Garrison have a few first class men who will be called on, possibly two, while from Victoria it should be in the representative team. If four can be prevailed upon to leave their club for the big game the match will be fairly close against the Garrison, however, clearly proved that such was the case. By far the larger number of her passengers were Chinese, while for many months past this line of steamers has not carried a Chinese passenger or a pound of Chinese merchandise.

The boycott against the Japanese by the Chinese, which has been in force since the early part of the year, has been lifted. A short time ago a dispatch was published stating the fact, but it was not generally credited. The Iyo Maru, on her outgoing trip, however, clearly proved that such was the case. By far the larger number of her passengers were Chinese, while for many months past this line of steamers has not carried a Chinese passenger or a pound of Chinese merchandise.

Some resident on the Foul Bay road has aroused the ire of the Oak Bay municipal authorities for opening an excavation on the roadway without obtaining permission, and for the much more serious offence of leaving it at night entirely unprotected and unlighted. Had it not been that the excavation was discovered last night by a pedestrian, who went to the trouble to fill it in, it is extremely likely that there would have been an accident to record to-day. The road was over a foot wide and three feet deep.

The local city council were a bit astounded by the resolution of the local soccer players action in refusing Sunday games. The Aldermen are not followers of the game and the resolution charging Seattle with being the boot of the league did that club an injustice. At the time the Sunday games were decided upon all the five cities were represented at the Strand hotel and the schedule was drawn. Two of the Victoria representatives, however, after the close of that meeting have taken no further active part in football. The ruling body which now controls the league is violating the opinion of all local players in setting aside the dates awarded. The blame for the original suggestion falls equally on all the five cities and not on Seattle particularly as that city had but one delegate at the meeting. It is fair to that club that the position should be made plain in this connection.

The Vancouver papers are continually publishing statements to the effect that the present triangular schedule for the P. C. League was changed, the Princess Royal being taken off for repairs. Captain Trup, who has the management of these lines, this morning denies the fact that there was any present intention of changing the arrangement. The matter was not even being discussed.

REAL BANANAS ON LONSDALE

OVER TWO THOUSAND BUNCHES HAVE ARRIVED

Steamer Made Record Trip, Arriving One Day Ahead of Schedule.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Steamer Lonsdale arrived in port this morning one day ahead of time, having made a record run from San Blas, covering the distance in 8 days and 5 hours. This is considered particularly quick time.

The steamer brought up from San Blas a big shipment of bananas of something over two thousand bunches. These bananas, the skipper says, are not the plantain, the fruit which is usually sold under the name bananas in this province. It is smaller but of infinitely finer quality. But on this continent and in England it always commands a higher price, and sells more readily than the larger fruit.

The bananas were in charge of Geo. A. Williams, and are to be placed on the market both here and in Vancouver. Mr. Williams has been marketing these for the past seven years in San Francisco, but as his firm, the San Blas Fruit Company, is constantly increasing the size of the plantation, they are now seeking this northern market. This is the first shipment made here, and is wholly experimental. If it is a success the fruit will be marketed here regularly.

The plantation from which this fruit comes is the only one of its kind on the West Coast of the continent. On account of its nearness to this market it is possible to ship the fruit fully matured, and in this way it is placed on the market in much better condition.

Previous to midsummer of last year no vessel had ever entered the dock that was over 400 feet in length, and consequently no provision was made for that class of boat. A little over a year ago the Abyssinia came here to enter the dock, she being 450 feet long. In order to accommodate this boat the dock gates had to be extended thirty feet and an extra \$270 was charged. When the department, however, received the report from the dock master in the regulations for this class of boat, the money was returned. The department then set about preparing an extended list of charges to cover the larger craft but it was not ready when the steamer entered the dock hence she was charged only at the 400 foot rate. The rates have now been prepared and have been put in force by order in council of the Dominion government, so that they will not be in a position to handle the bigger craft that may come. There have been no extra charges, but the rates have been extended to cover the larger craft that are presenting themselves at the dock.

CHINESE TRAVELLING ON JAPANESE LINES

End of Boycott is Evidenced on Nippon Yusen Kaisha Liner.

Port Essington, Oct. 10.—A meeting of the Conservative Association of Port Essington was held last week. Two delegates from Prince Rupert, Mr. Burritt and Dr. Quinlan, were in attendance, and Dr. Quinlan's nomination by the Prince Rupert Association was approved. Dr. Quinlan announced his platform as including Asiatic exclusion and provincial ownership of coast fisheries. There is a feeling that the nomination has done much to strengthen Mr. Sloan's position in the constituency.

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AN EVENING WITH SCOTT.

Centennial Young People Hold Enjoyable Literary Meeting. Centennial Y. P. S. had a very enjoyable literary evening last Monday. "An Evening With Sir Walter Scott" was the title of the programme. The following numbers were given: Miss Whitehead Recitation—Rosalie; Miss Black Recitation—Nora; Miss J. Alton Reading—From Rob Roy; J. Deaville Quartette—Hush Thee, My Babe; Geo. Lowe, Pianist, Miss Mills, Reading—Taking of Linnithgow; Miss Holt, Miss Deaville, Miss Solo rec. the money was returned. The pastor occupied the chair, and at the end complimented the society on the choice programme given.

DRYDOCK RATES ARE NOT INCREASED

Recently Prepared Extended List of Charges Made to Meet New Conditions.

A very misleading statement appeared in the shipping columns of the Colonist this morning in which the public were led to believe that the docking rates at the Dominion Dry Dock had been increased. This is positively not the case. No increases have been made since last year.

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ISOLATION OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Berlin, Oct. 14.—Neither Austria-Hungary nor Turkey has yet given its consent to the proposed international conference to settle the existing situation in the near East. Austria-Hungary declines to participate unless it is agreed that the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by the former should be accepted, and legalized by the powers without debate. Turkey desires a free hand in Macedonia as well as cash compensation from Bulgaria for the Oriental Railroad in Eastern Roumelia and some other outstanding claims. All the powers are in favor of a fixed programme and a majority of them are inclined to settle the discussion on the question of the passage of the Danube and the Cretan proclamation for union with Greece.

Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, Oct. 14.—Six British warships arrived from Malta this morning off Rhodes, a Turkish Island in the Mediterranean of Asia Minor. The fleet which has arrived there is under the command of Vice-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg and was sent from Malta by the British Government to watch events. It is believed that its presence will have a tranquillizing effect upon the Levant.

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Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 14.—There has been no radical development or change in the Bulgarian situation to-day. The German and Austria-Hungarian diplomatic agents in Sofia have made oral representations to Foreign Minister Powerkoff asking Bulgaria to settle the dispute over the Oriental Railroad in eastern Roumelia and identify the stock holders of the railroad company with the Ottoman Empire. No announcement of the independence of Bulgaria can be discussed. The government is willing to accede to this request in so far as the utilization of the line is concerned, but will demand the paying of parallel claims for property rights in this railroad to both Turkey and the stockholders.

CHAMPION GUNNERS IN THE KING'S NAVY

Some World's Record Shooting by Crew of H. M. S. Alfred.

H. M. S. King Alfred, of the China station, recently completed tests. The tests were what are known as the light Q. F. gun-layers' tests, and took place at Wei-Hai-Wel. The details of the shooting will be given with pride by everyone interested in the British navy. The 12-pounder guns fired 145 rounds, and obtained 104 hits, the shooting of each gun being as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Gun, Hits. 1. 15, 2. 14, 3. 13, 4. 12, 5. 11, 6. 10, 7. 9, 8. 8, 9. 7, 10. 6, 11. 5, 12. 4.

The average rounds per minute was 13, and the average hits worked out at 13. Fourteen hits in 16 rounds is a little short of marvellous, and the British navy should be proud of such a man as H. Blaydes, A.B., who performed the feat. No less striking was the result of the firing of the three-pounder guns. The total number of rounds fired was 51, the total hits being 34. The best three-pounder gun fired 17 rounds and made 13 hits. The gun-layer in this case was P. Beech, A.B., who deserves special praise. The time allowed for each gun to fire is 35 seconds. These remarkable results, which should place the King Alfred an easy first in the navy this year are all the more creditable, and all the more remarkable, seeing that the vessel has only been in commission six months. The King Alfred flies the flag of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief in China.

For every 10,000 inhabitants London has 27 cabs and five buses. Paris on the other hand has 48 cabs and 10 buses. The number of people, but only two buses. Naples has 55 cabs per 10,000. Genoa has the record for buses. It has ten for every 10,000.

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CONSERVATIVES AT VIC

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