

COMPLETES HUGE LAND PURCHASE

WILL EXPLOIT FRUIT PRODUCTS OF MEXICO

Syndicate of Local Men to Foster Trade Between Canada and Southern States.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Fitzhugh Lee, representative of the big local syndicate which has recently acquired half a million acres of land near Acapulco, Mexico...

"The conditions under which the land is to be cultivated are," said Mr. Lee, "excellent. Wages for laborers average 25 cents per diem; the transportation facilities are good, and the markets for the produce innumerable...

The syndicate was formed immediately after the new Canadian-Mexican service was inaugurated. The increased transportation facilities offered by the Georgia and Louisiana in their regular service induced a number of local business men to take up the subject of fruit-growing in Mexico...

The big dock and railroad improvements at Acapulco lend additional value to the enterprise, as the result of the extensive changes and additions which are now being made at that port will render the contiguous territory far more valuable than it is at present.

The syndicate is composed of Messrs. Lee, Morris, Bell, Bender, Weiler, Steele, Bond & Clark, Warren, and others. A warehouse will shortly be obtained in Victoria and the business will be in charge of Messrs. Morris and Lee...

BANK CLEARINGS

Large Increase in Canadian Cities Compared With Last Year.

Table with 2 columns: City, Clearings. Includes Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Vancouver, Halifax, Quebec, Hamilton, St. John, London, Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton.

ALARMING FIRE

St. John, N. B., Aug. 24.—Fire broke out in the conveyor of the Cushing sulphite pulp mill yesterday, and for a while the six hundred thousand dollar plant seemed in great danger of destruction.

PRESIDENT FORGIVES SON.

M. Zelaya Relents and Asks His Son and Wife to Return to Nicaragua.

New York, Aug. 24.—Alfonso Zelaya, son of the president of Nicaragua, who became estranged from his father because of his marriage to Miss Stella Baker of Washington, has arrived here with his bride on his way home to Managua. There has been a reconciliation between father and son...

TO CLEAR LAND FOR ORCHARDS

CONTRACTORS INSPECT SITE AT LADYSMITH

Will Submit Tender for the Work—Report of Experts Was Favorable.

Ladysmith, Aug. 24.—In connection with the reports of the C.P.R. clearing land around the E. & N. belt, it is not unlikely that Ladysmith will receive early attention.

Shortly after the purchase of the E. & N., the C.P.R. sent an expert out to report upon the suitability of some land back of the city for the purpose of fruit-growing. The expert reported favorably enough of the land, but nothing more has been heard of it.

LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS.

New Association Has Been Formed in Ontario to Protect Interests of Its Members.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—What promises to be a new power in the field of insurance came into being to-day in the form of the Ontario Local Life Insurance Agents' Association. The organization is intended to be a consolidation of all local life insurance agents in Ontario...

REIFF'S SALARY.

New York, Aug. 24.—Advice from Berlin report that Johnny Reiff, the well known American jockey, has been engaged to ride a prominent German turfman at a salary of \$50,000.

REALTY FIRM WINS.

Action Brought by Grant & Lineham to Obtain Payment of Commission.

Judgment was given for Grant & Lineham in their action against H. H. Pennock, which was heard in the county court by Judge Lampan on Friday afternoon. The suit was brought to obtain the payment of commission, due on the sale of some property which he had listed. He had paid \$31.60 into court and resisted the claim for a similar sum, the balance of the commission, which amounted to \$62.20.

RECORD ENTRY LIST.

Competition Will Be Keen at Dominion Rifle Association Meeting.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The entry list for the Dominion Rifle Association matches is the largest in the history of the association. It will reach 540. Included in it will be British marksmen and members of the Australian team. Competition promises to be exceptionally keen.

IMPROVEMENTS AT TYEE SMELTER

NEW ORE BUNKERS ARE BEING ERRECTED

Indications That Work Outlined at Annual Meeting Will Shortly Be Carried Out.

Ladysmith, Aug. 24.—After a lean period extending over several months, the Tyee smelter at Ladysmith is now forging ahead. New ore fields are being laid under tribute, the latest being located on the Queen Charlotte Islands, a shipment from which was received at the local smelter last week, as reported in the Times.

FIVE PERSONS PERISHED IN FIRE

BURNED TO DEATH IN BOSTON TENEMENT

Passenger Lost Life in Railway Wreck—Boy Killed by an Automobile.

Boston, Aug. 24.—Five persons were suffocated by smoke from a fire in a tenement house here early to-day, and two others were overcome by smoke. The dead: Margaret Cooper, 25 years old; John Dwyer, aged 65, uncle of Mrs. Cooper; Margaret Cooper, aged six; John Cooper, aged 2; Thos. Cooper, aged 2. The last were children of Margaret Cooper. The father and his sons suffered severely from inhaling smoke.

FARMERS ENGAGED IN PISTOL DUEL

Death Ends Feud in Missouri—Man Killed Wife and Tried to Commit Suicide

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 23.—John Porter Liberty and Wm. J. Sever, farmers at Chandler, five miles north of here, engaged in a pistol duel to-day which resulted in the death of Stollings. The tragedy was the culmination of an old feud which started when Sever, as a member of the board of education, prevented the employment of Stollings' daughter as a teacher.

ISLAND INDUSTRY GETTING UNDER WAY

Silica Brick and Lime Company Has Secured a Large Contract.

What promises to become one of the great industries of Vancouver Island is just getting well under way. The Silica Brick & Lime Company's plant, at Parson's Bridge, is now turning out from fifteen to sixteen thousand bricks a day, and the demand for the article is much greater than the supply.

MACHINISTS MAY STRIKE

New York, Aug. 24.—A strike of 17,000 machinists in Greater New York will probably be called next Monday.

THE VACANCIES IN THE CABINET

NEW MINISTERS MAY BE NAMED MONDAY

George E. Graham and Ex-Premier Pugsley Likely to Receive Portfolios—Premier's Residence.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to the capital to-day. Earl Grey will arrive on Sunday. They will meet on Monday for the first time since Sir Wilfrid went to the colonial conference before the end of the session. On Monday the Premier will lay Mr. Hyman's resignation before Earl Grey and may name the ministers of public works and railways. It is believed here George Graham, leader of the Ontario Opposition will be named for public works and ex-Premier Pugsley for railways.

SHEEP FROM ENGLAND.

Toronto, Ont., Aug. 24.—The largest single exhibit of live stock at the exhibition arrived to-day in the shape of five cars of Southdowns, Hampshire and Leicester sheep, the property of Sir R. P. Cooper, of Enfield, near London.

OIL MAGNATES NOT IN ACCORD

TROUBLE BETWEEN STANDARD DIRECTORS

Heated Argument at Meeting When It Was Decided to Pay Usual Dividend.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from New York, says: H. H. Rogers and William Rockefeller are reported to have had a serious disagreement about the policy to be adopted by the Standard Oil Company in defending itself against the attacks of the government. It was learned yesterday that a good deal of disaffection developed at a meeting last week when the usual dividend of \$8 for the quarterly period was declared.

CANOE CAPSIZED MAN DROWNED

Two Companions Rescued in Exhausted Condition—Boy Perished in the Winnipeg River.

Toronto, Aug. 24.—While canoeing from Haliburton to New Liskeard, Ont. on Lake Temiskaming yesterday, H. J. C. Byrne, of Midland, and Samuel L. Harris and Chas. E. Davis, young Englishmen, were upset in the high east wind. Davis was drowned, the other two being rescued by the tug Albert, after having been in the water for an hour. Byrne was completely exhausted when taken out and could not have lasted many moments longer.

VICTORIA'S EXHIBIT.

Financial Report Was Submitted Yesterday—Amount Yet to Be Raised.

The committee in charge of the fruit and flower exhibit which was sent to Winnipeg a short time ago reported to the general committee yesterday afternoon. The cost of the exhibit was shown to have exceeded the estimate by \$50, and there is \$79 of the amount yet to be raised. It was hoped that this amount would soon be collected and the account closed. The following is a detailed statement:

SPRANG A LEAK.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 24.—The old tug and excursion steamer Carrington sank last night in Lake Superior. Captain Fréchet was bringing her back from the island when she began leaking badly. The pumps were worked in vain and having the steamer Frederick R. Wells, Captain Fréchet put his men aboard. In a few minutes the abandoned vessel sank.

CROPS ARE IN SPLENDID SHAPE

DANGER FROM FROST BELIEVED TO BE OVER

Vice-President Whyte Tells of Conditions in the West—Tourist Travel Heavy.

Winnipeg, Aug. 23.—Wm. Whyte, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific railway, returned last evening from the west, where he has been spending the last three weeks in looking over the company's system. In addition to making a general inspection he spent considerable time in looking over the string of hotels owned by the company between Winnipeg and the coast.

TAFT IN OKLAHOMA.

Republican Party Will Endeavor to Secure Control in New State

Okla. City, Ok., Aug. 24.—Secretary Taft is to-day the guest of Oklahoma City, and to-night in a speech at the convention of the Republican party for supremacy in controlling the new state of Oklahoma. The greatest crowd that this city has ever known thronged the streets and filled the hotel lobby and places of business to-day.

THE BEAR BERRY TREE.

Abounds in Comox Where Bark Stripped Off and Used Medicinally as Cascara.

Reference has been made in the columns of the Times to the fact that people in the neighborhood of Comox have been gathering for export large quantities of a bark which they called barberry. On Thursday a quantity of the bark was brought down by the steamer City of Nanaimo, and a report comes that it is being gathered by Comox boys under the supervision of a medical man from the railroad.

GATHERING IN CRIMINALS.

Campaign Inaugurated in Chicago—Hold-Up Man Killed by a Policeman.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—The Chicago police rounded out a day of warfare against criminals last night by killing a hold-up man just after he had robbed a citizen and by capturing the Thomas Kelly, who had a record of crime, was the man who was killed. His slayer was Policeman Patrick J. Fee.

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EARNINGS OF THE INTERCOLONIAL

HANDLING MORE BUSINESS THAN EVER BEFORE

W. H. Rowley Advocates Prohibiting Export of Pulp Wood—Suggests Imposition of Duty.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The earnings today of the Intercolonial railway, according to M. J. Butler, deputy minister, are the largest in the history of the road. The system was never in better shape than to-day, and was never before handling such a large volume of business.

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