

COLWOOD HOPES FOR NEW ROAD

RESIDENTS SANGUINE THAT IT IS COMING

Proposed Route Would Be Great Convenience to Settlers.

Through the courtesy of H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., representatives of the local press were given an opportunity on Saturday afternoon of visiting the proposed route of a road which will serve a number of residents in Metchoin and be a favorite pleasure route for visitors and residents of the city. For a long time the residents of Sooke and Metchoin and Colwood have been pressing for a shorter route to Victoria. A ferry by way of Esquimalt has been advocated, and has from time to time been pressed upon the local government. The residents of the district have been well backed up in this by their representative, John Jardine, M.P., and in H. Dallas Helmcken they have had a strong advocate also.

Recently Hon. Thomas Taylor was taken over the proposed route, and his sympathy with the scheme has been enlisted, it is believed, so that the Colwood Development League is now feeling hopeful that the work will be accomplished.

The proposal is to have the wharf at the foot of the Belmont road improved and a ferry, preferably one that would carry horses and carriages, provided to cross from Esquimalt. Right in rear of the government property surrounding Red Hill fort an easy route is obtainable for a new road to the Esquimalt lagoon. The distance only 1,000 feet. In order to reach the narrowest opening to the lagoon permission would have to be obtained to build the road through a portion of the government property; an easily constructed bridge would land the roadway on the spit, where only a top dressing for the natural gravel road would be necessary. For about a mile and a quarter along the spit travellers would have a most charming view. Seaward they would look out over the Royal Roads to Esquimalt and Victoria and down to Race Rocks. On the other side the lagoon lies, with the palatial home which Hon. James Dunsmuir is building in full view. The well cultivated farm of George Heatherbell also lies in full view, and a most delightful picture is presented.

Another quarter of a mile of road on the boundary line between the property of Mr. Heatherbell and that of Mrs. Harris, formerly the McCullum home, leads to the existing highway. The two property-holders are willing to give the land necessary for the road. Hon. Mr. Taylor has already given it into the hands of the engineers to report on the cost of the undertaking, and is said to be favorably inclined to the proposition. It would give a vast area a quick route to Victoria. At present although within easy sight of the city, and only about three or four miles from it by the route proposed the residents have to make a trip of about ten miles to get to the city by the road. From a scenic standpoint also the road would be an ideal one.

On Saturday the guests of Mr. Helmcken were given every opportunity to see the districts of Happy Valley, Colwood, etc. A delightful half hour was spent at Mr. Helmcken's ideal summer home at Rose Bank. At the Belmont wharf George Heatherbell met the party and his hosts and luncheon were placed at their disposal on the lagoon. A visit was paid to the hospitable home of Mr. Heatherbell, who is the president of the Colwood Development League, and a beautiful past provided by the host for the day was partaken of, after which the well cultivated farm of Mr. Heatherbell was inspected. From there to beyond Albert Head the party were taken by Dr. A. T. Watt, of the William Head quarantine station, who takes such a deep interest in the Development League. A landing was made at the foot of the new road which is being opened from

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The William Head road to the shore. It is hoped eventually to have a wharf erected there so that produce may be shipped by water to Victoria, only a distance of about six miles, thus avoiding the sixteen miles of road now required. This road, built on land given by Mr. Carlin and Dr. C. M. Jones, is the only public highway to the sea shore from the main road from Belmont to beyond William Head. It is being cut through to the Happy Valley road also.

The return trip to the city was made by auto through the delightful district.

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS IN MUSIC EXAMINATIONS

Gold Medal is Carried Off by Miss Alma Clarke.

The results of the annual examinations of the Toronto College of Music held in Victoria, New Westminster and Vancouver have been made public. Victoria pupils show well in the results. Miss Alma Victoria Clarke, of this city, carrying off the Torrington gold medal.

Torrington Gold Medal (piano), also College Diploma (piano)—Alma Victoria Clarke, Victoria, B. C.

Second Piano, First Class, Honors—Vera Hill, Columbia College, New Westminster.

Second Piano, Honors—Eleanor Matthews, Victoria; Katherine McDougall, Columbia College, New Westminster.

First Piano, First Class, Honors—Vera Kenny, Marie Shaw, Columbia College, New Westminster.

First Piano, Pass—Agnes Breimer, Effie Shaw, Columbia College, New Westminster; Marjory Spalding, Janet Spalding, Victoria, B. C.

Primary Piano, First Class, Honors—Elsie Knight, Vancouver; Kathleen Mussen, Victoria.

Primary Piano, Honors—Dorothy Kingham, Norma Clarke, Victoria; Irene Paxman, Vancouver.

Primary Piano, Pass—Rose O'Meara, Violet Watson, Leah Thompson, Ruby Harkness, Victoria.

First Piano, Harmony—Alma V. Clarke, Victoria.

Piano Normal, First Class, Honors—Ethel Freeland, Vancouver.

First Written Harmony, First Class, Honors—Ethel Freeland, Vancouver.

First Year History, Pass—Alma V. Clarke, Victoria.

Senior Rudiments, First Class, Honors—Audrey Holmes, Vera Kennedy, Columbia College, New Westminster.

Senior Rudiments, Honors—Alice Rose Muriset, Eleanor Matthews, Victoria; Elizabeth McAllister, Effie Shaw, Columbia College, New Westminster.

Senior Rudiments, Pass—Vera Hill, Columbia College, New Westminster.

Junior Rudiments, First Class, Honors—Emily V. Hobb, Frances P. V. Hobbs, Margaret Reed, Victoria.

Junior Rudiments, Pass—Vera Hill, Columbia College, New Westminster.

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FORMER LEDGER KEEPER IS UNDER ARREST

Toronto Man is Taken Into Custody by Police of Vancouver.

Vancouver, July 23.—John Alfred Graham Anderson, the twenty-three-year-old ledger clerk who left the employ of the Toronto branch of the Bank of Montreal last March, and who by means of an "accepted" stamp, has, it is charged, been cashing cheques innumerable both in America and Europe, was captured here this morning at the instance of Manager Derouville, of the Vancouver hotel. Anderson arrived in this city last Wednesday and registered at the C. P. R. hotel under the name of John Anderson. He attempted to cash a cheque at the hotel last night, but was refused. He admitted his identity to Detectives O'Grady and Thompson upon his capture.

MAKING UP DEATH ROLL OF HURRICANE

Property Loss Will Be Over Two Millions—Many Dead.

New Orleans, July 24.—With definite reports to-day of thirteen additional deaths as the result of the hurricane in Texas and Louisiana on Wednesday, the death list to-night totals 41. Also six previously reported missing are still unaccounted for. Dispatches to-day from Angleton, Texas, confirmed the report that Maurice de Wolf, his wife, six children and negro servant had been drowned at Christmas Bayou. Added to these were Captain J. K. Glasscock, who died at Angleton, Texas, of shock and exposure, and Columbus Maddox, believed to have lost his life near Angleton.

At Rock Island, Texas, John Finley and David Jarvis, farmers, were buried in the wreckage of their homes. Those missing are C. H. Dalby, circulation manager of the Galveston Tribune, Onesime Herbert, of Creole, La., and former members of the crew of the schooner Columbus.

While the various towns and cities which suffered damage in the hurricane have reported property losses aggregating in the latest reports over \$2,000,000, the absence of estimate of crop damage makes anything like a correct measure of the total damages. Many rural sections lost barns and residences not included in the big known damage list.

RECLAMATION PROJECTED.

U. S. Secretary of Interior is Now Making Tour of Oregon.

Portland, Ore., July 23.—John A. Ballinger, secretary of the interior, is touring Oregon to make a general inspection of government reclamation projects throughout the state. The trip bears the utmost significance to the people of Oregon, as it will result, according to Mr. Ballinger's statement, in determining the government's attitude toward reclamation, in deciding what projects shall be pushed to speedy completion, and in naming the places where largest apportionment of irrigation funds will be made.

A settlement of troubles long existing between Indians and their superintendents or agents is assured, as a rigid investigation of conditions on the reservations is one of the secretary's special duties during his present western visit. Numerous Indian agents may be summoned around the state for the investigation, Mr. Ballinger strongly intimated during an interview here.

NEWS FROM MOROCCO

IS BEING CENSORED

Madrid, July 23.—News of the situation in Morocco where the Spanish troops are fighting the Moors, is being censored here.

The entire edition of El Pais was seized and destroyed to-day.

All Republican clubs have been ordered closed and drastic measures are being taken to put down the movement which has been started in opposition to the government's course in Morocco.

GUESTS OF THE KING.

London, July 24.—Sir Frederick Borden, Hon. L. P. Broderick and other delegates to the naval defence conference this afternoon had luncheon with the King at Buckingham Palace.

Premier Asquith, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary Haldane, Lord Milner and other statesmen were present, but there were no speeches.

ADMITS KILLING HUSBAND.

Portland, Ore., July 24.—After telling Chief of Police Cox a rambling story of the domestic difficulties that led up to the tragedy, Mrs. Collins confessed to-day that she fired the shot that ended the life of her husband, Mr. Collins, whose body was found in his home.

ARTIST DIVORCED.

San Francisco, Cal., July 23.—Mrs. Elia Sterling Mighels yesterday was granted a divorce from Philip Verrill Mighels, artist and author of international reputation. The decree was granted on the ground of desertion.

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FEDERAL MINISTER SHOWS DEEP INTEREST

(Continued from page 1.)

New Drilling Plant.

He had decided if possible to procure a first class drilling plant for the improvement of the entrance to the harbor. The present plant was antiquated, and he fully realized this and would try to have it replaced. He realized that a fine line of steamers were plying here. They would continue the dredging work until a good channel had been made.

In regard to a breakwater, the minister said the cost would be over a million dollars. If the government was assured that the building of this would result in an increase of trade the work would be done. They must, however, be shown that the money would bring good returns in business. During the past ten years the country had made great progress. He would not suggest that it was the result of Liberal rule, for he would not think of introducing politics at a gathering of this kind. During that time the revenue of the country had doubled itself.

Turning his attention to the proposal for the building of a transcontinental railway, the minister said it was not at all an impossible thing. The Grand Trunk had as part of their scheme the building of a line down Vancouver Island. A ferry was already being operated across the gulf. If this could be operated wherry, the channel was wide it could easily be operated where it was narrower. He would be only too glad to co-operate with Hon. Wm. Templeman in bringing the matter before his colleagues.

Mr. Pugsley said he had already gone through a large part of the district, and he realized the great possibilities of the country.

The enlargement of the present dry dock or the building of a new one had already been pressed upon his attention, Mr. Pugsley said, and he expected to be able to visit the dock this afternoon.

Canadian Navy.

There were at present two representatives of Canada in London who were discussing with the Imperial authorities the whole question of defence. Personally he thought the best way they could do, and in the defence of the Empire, would be in building a Canadian navy, commensurate with the territory of the country. Another method was in constructing large dry docks, such as the one proposed. The question of enlarging the present dock was to be taken up, but he thought it likely that a large new dock would have to be built, and without committing himself as to the place where it should be built, he knew of no place from a naval point of view where it would be of more use than at Esquimalt harbor, a place which is already fortified.

Captain Troup.

Captain Troup, on being called upon, said that about five years ago the depth of water at low tide at the entrance to the harbor was less than 18 feet. The mudlark was the only dredge here then. Since the arrival of the Ajax the work was going on rapidly, and he was satisfied. At that time an 18-foot channel was the aim. Later it was discussed further and a 20-foot channel was decided upon with a 25-foot basin in the upper harbor. In the dredging the rocks were found and these had done some damage. Last February or March it was pressed upon the government that some reefs should be taken out. The summer season was the time to take out these obstructions.

One of the original proposals in connection with the channel was to widen it to several hundred feet. The latest scheme, however, was to make a channel around the islands, and this plan he thought should be investigated.

The dredging in the upper harbor was rather easy, and he hoped the work would be continued so that large vessels could lie at anchor. The state of the tide. These mills would cater to the foreign shipping trade, and a deep basin was necessary.

F. A. Pauline then spoke a few words on the subject of ships calling at this port. He was increasing rapidly. All the vessels from the Orient called at the outer dock and not inland. Nature had provided a fine harbor, and he was inclined to build it would be money well invested. He did not know exactly what the cost would be.

Mr. Pugsley—The estimate is \$1,250,000.

When this work was done the harbor would be one of the finest in the world.

C. H. Logrin felt that the minister was well informed on the principle of the drydock work. The committee would later discuss the matter with him.

Simon Leiser said the minister had put new life in them. The assurance of the building of a drydock was good news. He felt sure it would be built at Esquimalt. The minister had shown that he was interested in the matter by getting figures as to the cost. They all thoroughly appreciated what the Dominion government had done for them. He thanked Mr. Pugsley on behalf of the board for the assurances he had given.

Before adjourning Mr. Pugsley said he wished to state in regard to the Indian reserve question, that no one could move the matter in which the government more strongly than Mr. Templeman had done. The difficulty he met with, however, was the diffidence on the part of the Canadian government in discussing the matter, and he seemed like interfering with the rights of the Indians. The Indians relied upon them for fair play. The question so far as Victoria was concerned he could see no vital one. If any solution could possibly be found he would be glad to co-operate with Mr. Templeman in carrying it out, and would give his earnest attention to the subject.

The party then adjourned to the steamer City of Nanaimo, which was waiting at the Hudson's Bay wharf, and as the boat passed out of the harbor Captain Troup and others drew the attention of the minister and Engineer Keefer to the difficulties encountered, and the work they thought should be done. The steamer passed around the point, and then the party transferred

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TUG HOPE ON FIDDLE REEF

EXPECTED TO BE FLOATED TO-NIGHT

Little Steamer Went Ashore at Oak Bay During Night.

Tug Hope with a boom of logs in tow went ashore on Fiddle Reef during the night. She is still held fast, but at high water to-night it is expected she will float off.

The cause of the stranding is laid to the cross currents that are so frequent in the waters off the point. The stranding of the boom in such waters makes it difficult to tell exactly what the results will be.

To-day aid was sent, but it is not expected she will be pulled off until high tide to-morrow. The tug belongs to J. Sayward, of this city.

MAN WAS MURDERED AND BODY ROBBED

Fingers Slashed in Effort to Get the Rings Off—Not Identified.

Sacramento, Cal., July 26.—A case of murder and robbery was indicated Saturday when the partly decomposed body of a man was found floating in the river near this city. A cut was found on the head and the fingers had also evidently been slashed in an effort to remove the rings which the man wore. The pockets were turned inside out and three or four links of a watch chain remained in the vest. One of the rings bore the initials "A. E. L." and the same initials were found on a silk handkerchief in a coat pocket. The body was in such an advanced state of decomposition that no identification could be made.

Work has commenced on the construction of the cement sidewalks in front of the Empress hotel. This is the only thing needed to give a finished appearance to the grounds, and it will be a very short time before the work is completed. The gardens at the hotel are looking very pretty, many of the flowers being now in bloom. The tennis and croquet lawns at the back are green, and the pergolas and arbor are beginning to look effective.

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ROBERTSON—In this city, on the 24th inst., at the residence, 51 Erie street, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robertson. Still-born.

MARRIED.

HOYT-WEBSTER—On the 25th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. T. E. Holling, William Stephen Hoyt, of San Francisco, to Elizabeth Johnson, sixth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Webster, of Elizabeth street.

DIED.

HAMILTON—In this city, on the 17th inst., at Royal Jubilee hospital, Elizabeth Hamilton, widow of the late Hugh Hamilton, aged 80 years, a native of Dunce, Scotland.

FINLAYSON—At St. Mary's hospital, New Westminster, B. C., on the 18th inst., Alexina Ann Finlayson, widow of the late John Finlayson, a native of Isle of Skye, Scotland, aged 83 years.

The dolphin can swim at the rate of twenty miles an hour, but the Spanish mackerel, of San Francisco, the swiftest swimmers of all are the marine highway, men, the sharks and dog fishes.

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