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## IMPROVING THE INNER HARBOR

Waste Material Excavated From Upper Harbor For Filling on Reserve

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What'the Inner Harbor Association is Doing Towards Development of the Port

ocean traffic is necessary the necessity of increased facilities and improvement of the inner harbor for the coasting vessels, which are constantly increasing in number owing to the development of the northern business where a great increase is anticipated following the completion of the G. T. P. and the resultant settlement of the northern province; is not being lost sight of by those directly interested. Good work in this connection is being done by the Inner Harbor Association of Victoria, of which Thomas C. Sorby who has given so much attention to this question, is the secretary.

Sorby's Scheme

Mr. Sorby's Scheme

Mr. Sorby's Scheme for the inner harbor should be appropriated that the waterfront lands abutting on the harbor should be appropriated money being secured for this purpose by loan, and the cost defrayed by the earnings from wharfage, warehousing and other dues. The timer harbor was and an area of 107 acres excavated to a depth of 30 feet, enclosing the area with a wall, behind which the waste material dredged from the harbor would be used in reclaimed in this manner. The reclaimed area in the inner harbor, in the upper and lower harbors would have a frontage of five miles. The rock talen out would, he sum of the coping being the great increase is anticipated to be brought from outside. This could be set from barges after the harbor was reopened. He proposed a central railway depot on the lindian reserve, coal bunkers and drydocks and marine ways on the lower harbor, hydraulic cranes and capstant of the harbor was reopened. He proposed a central railway depot on the lindian reserve, coal bunkers and drydocks and marine ways on the lower harbor, hydraulic cranes and capstant of the harbor was reopened. He proposed a central railway depot on the lindian reserve, coal bunkers and drydocks and marine ways on the lower harbor, hydraulic cranes and capstant of the provision of the waste material railway depot on the lindian reserve, coal bunkers and drydocks and marine ways on the lower harbor was reop Indian reserve, coal bunkers and dry docks and marine ways on the lower harbor, hydraulic cranes and capstans on the harbor tracks and spacious warehouses built to suit requirements, and all the most approved appliances for the expeditious and economical handling, storing and transshipping of

Since this scheme was advanced many versus ago there have been many changes. The C. P. R. has acquired frontage and bult Jagac wharves, the Alaska Steamship, Company has built a wharf, the G. T. P. has acquired frontage and is credited with the intention of building wharves, the Sayward mills have been greatly improved. The control of the partition of building wharves, the Sayward mills have been greatly improved, the Victoria Machinery depot has been improved, and many other alterations made, and waterfront property values have been greatly advanced. Only the Indian reserve—the settlement of which has remained the same through the vear—is unchanged. The developments have altered the situation from that which prevailed when Mr. Sorby advanced his scheme. In conversation what which prevailed when Mr. Sorby advanced his scheme. In conversation that which prevailed when Mr. Sorby advanced his scheme. In conversation was forwarded to Ottawa and a search has been ordered. The expedition leads to the conversation has passed by reason of these developments. The former opposition of the clipt and certain private owners killed the efforts to that end.

Suggested improvements

The Inner Harbor Association submitted a plan some time ago to the Ottawa and a search has depressed in provements in the conversation of th many years ago there have been many changes. The C. P. R. has acquired

20 feet at low water and widening the channel which will be increased to a sea level. There was also a whistle. width of 160 feet by the end of the

10,000 yards of rock and the proposal is made to use 750,000 cubic yards of this waste material over the low land in the valley of the Indian reserve and filling the bays and indentures of the foreshore behind a concrete retaining Eleven Months' Figures Give wall, forming a quay the surface of which would be about six feet high above water mark. This work, how-ever, is understood to be contingent upon the settlement of the Indian re-

25 feet. Berths for loading the loading th 

It is exepected that with the increasing traffic of the railway, a more modern method of handling the bridge across the harbor will soon be required, and it is stated that it is the plan to build a bridge across from the Indian reserve to the vicinity of Spratt's wharf to connect direct with the freight yards at the old Albion Iron Works property, the proposal being that the city take over the old bridge. The view taken by some of those interested in the upper harbor is that two modern bridges should be built, one alongside the other. For these bridges the bascule system is suggested. This system is used with good effect in the inner waterways of Chicago. These bridges which are actuated by electricity lift when the channel is required to an angle of 45 degrees, and can be opened and closed in a very short space of time, usually half a minute. and closed in a very short space of time, usually half a minute.

The Association The Inner Harbor Association of Victoria was originated at a general meeting of owners and tenants of property abutting on the harbor in Sept., While the consideration of the requirements of the outer harbor for ocean traffic is necessary the necessity of increased facilities and improvement of the inner harbor for the coast

Big Beacon Moored Off the Straits is Lost—Leebro to Search For It

Somewhere, perhaps beneath the surging waves that wash over Swift-sure bank or battered against the rocks of Vancouver island or the cliffs

## The work proposed in the upper har-bor comprises the removal of about 1,250,000 cubic yards of mud and about **VERY LARGE INCREASE**

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## ISLAND APPLES FOR THE ORIENTAL MARKET

Victoria Fruit Growers' Ex-change Will Make Shipment of High Grade Fruit

(From Thursday's Daily.

To demonstrate to the Oriental the superiority of British Columbia apples, both in the matter of quality, and packing, the first step to be taken in an earnest effort to secure a portion, at least, of the apple trade of the Orient, will be made within the next two weeks by the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association. Next week a sample shipment of 100 boxes of the aristocrats of the British Columbia pippin product will be sent to Japan and the following week an equally large shipment will be sent to China. H. Donkin, a prominent fruit commission merchant of Vancouver, will leave with the first shipment for Japan and will introduce the British Columbia fruit to the merchants of the east, attention first being paid the European concerns doing business in the chief cities of the two Oriental countries.

This step being taken by the Victor-

This step being taxen by the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association will, it is stated, form an epoch in the fruit growing industry of this province, and the Association members are confident that the superior quality and flavor of the fruit coupled with the extreme care taken in picking and reading. care taken in picking and packing, a factor which has contributed greatly to the growth of the trade with the prairie provinces, will result in a great demand from the east where, up to the present, the Canadian apple is practically an unknown quantity.

The project undertaken by the local Fruit Growers' Association is an ambruit Growers' Association is an ambitious one but it is believed that with the large European population in the east a most profitable trade can be worked up and no doubt exists in the minds of the fruit growers here but that the high grade fruit which is produced in this province will meet with but little opposition from that imported into the east from other fruit raising countries.

As an example of the superiority of the Island apple over the product of Washington and Oregon, and the opinion held by the trade in this province as to the relative merits of the fruit it was stated yesterday by James Drummond, manager of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Exchange, that during the past fall the importation of the United States product has been very much smaller than in previous years in fact probably not more than a 1,000 boxes of Washington and Oregon apples have been brought into this province, while the demand for the local product has been so great that the greatest difficulty has been experienced in supplying Victoria and Vancouver local consumption and while repeated demands for the Island fruit have been received from the prairie section and Beats Imported Fruit

received from the prairie section and at least two carloads per week could be shipped there, the inquiry locally and from Vancouver completely absorbs all the fruit offering. The crop this year, both locally and in Salt Spring Island, has been materfally reduced through the care taken in keeping the orchards clean and consequent.

to pay the greatest attention to the picking and packing of the fruit. This policy, furthered by the assistance given to growers by experts engaged by the association, has resulted in the local fruit everywhere securing special mention, not only for its quality but particularly for the careful and attractive mentages.

on the theory that a square deal will do more than anything else to make the fruit a favorite with the trade. As a result the association's fruit is being handled by practically all the whole-sale and retail firms of the city as well as in Vancouver and its brand is seen everywhere everywhere.

In marked contrast to the care disin marked contrast to the care dis-played by local growers is the situation in Ontario where many and loud com-plaints have been made of the care-less manner in which the fruit grown in that province is reaching the market. The slackness shown in this respect the slackness shown in this respect by the Ontario growers has occasion-ed great complaint from the Prairie dealers who have turned to this pro-vince to have their needs supplied but the local demand is being supplied first, at prices wholesale, ranging from eighty cents to a dollar for seconds and one dollar to \$1.25 for firsts.

ever, is understood to be contingent upon the settlement of the Indian reserve question. The hydraulic dredge could only be profitably employed in the work in the upper harbor, and in all works where the waste material is applied to the purposes of reclamation, similarly to the filling of the site for this work is \$180,000. Half of this is provided in the estimates of this mancial year.

By the time the work in the steamship channel and James flay, and up to the railway bridge is completed it is expected the work in the basin of the upper harbor will be well alvanced, and the whole will probably be completed within three years. In connection with this work, a small portion has already been deepened to a depth of 25 feet at the wharves of the Sawward mills, but the waterway leading there is still undeepened.

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Improved Bridge

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