

EXTENSION ALONG SAANICH ROAD

Tramway Company Will Construct New Line This Summer--Other Branches Considered--New Pension Scheme.

The British Columbia Electric Railway Company will extend its line along the Saanich road this summer, was the most important announcement made by James Buntzen, superintendent, when seen at the company's office on Friday morning.

Gordon Head is a long way, and the company would have to carefully calculate the cost and maintenance charges before even thinking of construction. But I hear there are a large number of residences being built in the district by newcomers from Manitoba and the Northwest, and will, on my next visit, go over the ground and make a preliminary investigation.

READY TO MAKE A START TO-MORROW

ARCTIC EXPEDITION WAITS ONLY ON COOK

All depends now on the arrival of a cook from Seattle as to whether the schooner Duchess of Bedford will be able to get away on her Arctic exploring expedition to-morrow. The vessel was to have sailed on Thursday according to the plans of Capt. Einar Mikkelsen early in the week, but an unexpected delay resulted in getting the papers from Ottawa sanctioning the changing of the schooner's name from the Duchess to the East.

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From Banks Land and Patrick Island on the east along the parallel of about 79 degrees to the longitude of Wrangell Island and to the north of Alaska. Other scientific purposes will also be kept in view.

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SMALL CRAFT IN PORT. Steamers From Traps Are In For Supplies--Work at Clover Point.

A fleet of half a dozen small steamers lay at the wharves in the inner harbor this morning. They included the Albion, Cooftian, Vulcan, Ranger and Courti. The last named three are employed in connection with the trap work down the Straits.

It will be some weeks yet before all the traps have been planted and ready for the salmon run. The one at Clover Point will be among the first finished. It is now in an advanced stage of construction and will be catching fish probably in as great number as any to the westward.

The Vulcan brought in a pile driver for repairs. The Cooftian was an entirely different mission, she had come with a big load of hay and potatoes.

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Some discussion took place on the subject of the potlatch, but the committee's recommendation was finally eliminated. It was recommended that the efficient services of Rev. James Turner, superintendent of Chinese missions, be extended to the oversight of the Japanese Methodist mission also.

CONGRESS IN VICTORIA Will Be Extended Chambers of Commerce by Delegates From Board of Trade.

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The Hon. N. A. Belcourt, member for Ottawa, forwarded a copy of his resolution inviting His Majesty King Edward to open the new Quebec bridge. The council ordered that action, and Hon. Mr. Belcourt will be notified accordingly.

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