## MANY THOUSANDS HAVE BUILDING OPERATIONS

Port Records Show Over Ninety Demand for Permits During One Day Intervenes Before the Thousand Came From Seattle Alone

war on May 10 began the influx from Seattle. Commencing with the crowds of 1,000 and 1,134 brought by the two steamers on that Sunday the arrivals during May totalled 22,656, those coming from Seattle this month totalling more than during any other month. In June the number dropped to 17,823, and in July to 16,038 while in August there was a revival, the totals reaching 20,256. Since September began 8,274 have come here. The smallest number travelled in January when only 1,932 came during the month, and during

Restauranters and hotels have also profited by the influx, and although the customs officers pried into many a vallee that held nothing more than a bottle of milk and a few sandwiches "made in Seattle," the excursionists bought largely of provision here. In some cases the traffic brought on account of the rate war was disparaged in comparison with the travel of former years. As one boniface said: "Last year they came and hought." "Last year they came and bought a picture postcard and a ham sandwich; this year they cut out the ham sandwich; this year they cut out the ham sandwich." But he libeled the excursionists. They had among them the class to whom he referred, but they were a weak minority.

Herbert Carmichael, provincial assayer, will shortly leave the city on a trip to the Alberni district, his starting

# VISITED CITY THIS YEAR SOMEWHAT LESS ACTIVE

Present Month Shows a

travelled in January when only 1,932 came during the month, and during the succeeding months prior to May the totals were: February. 2,737; March, 3,370, and April, 4,842. Five times this number came the following month.

Season Waning

Now the season is waning. The picnicker no longer spreads his luncheon on the greensward of the parliament buildings and muses as to whether the King is caged behind the ornamental gates of the main entrance, while his womenfolk indite postcards telling of their safe arrival "in England"; no longer the small army of canvassers meet the incoming crowds to scatter handbills, cards and other advertisements. The thousand excursionists of last month have dwindled to 300 on a service of the mean and in-

Trowel Travels On

The silver trowel being sent from lodge to lodge about the world by the lodges of A.F. & A.M., was despatched on the steamer Governor to a Masonic lodge in Oaklands, Cala., accompanied by a delegation from Vancouver-Quadra lodge, A.F. & A.M. of this city, consisting of E. H. Russell, A. W. Currie, Munro Miller and J. C. McNeill. The trowel arrived in Victoria about a month ago from Tacoma.

A Big Sale

The placing on the market of the Yates estate by the B. C. Land and Investment Agency, recalls the fact that Gray, Hamilton, MacDonald & Johnson, Limited, formerly had control of this property. They disposed of some of the lots and sold the remainder to A. A. Logan, formerly of Winnipeg, but now of Vancouver, for a consideration in the neighborhood of \$100,000. This was about two months ago sand he is now selling it off through his Victoria agents.

trip to the Alberni district, his starting on which has been delayed to allow of his representing the provincial bureau of mines at the forthcoming meeting of the Canadian Mining institute, in the absence of the provincial mineralogist who has been unable to get back from the Findlay River district in time, as he had planned to do.

Vancouver, Sept. 19.—The fruit crop of British Columbia for the present year is estimated by Inspector Maxwell Smith at a million and a half sellars, showing a large increase.

### ON EVE OF FINEST OF VICTORIA'S SHOWS

Opening of the Local Exhibition

From the beginning of the year until yesterday the arrivals in Victoria from foreign ports totalled 104,153; the arrivals from Vancouver and via the east are not included in this number. It includes only those landed by steamer at Victoria from foreign ports and 97,638 came from Seattle. This number is in excess of other seasons by a good margin, the rate war having its effect in liducing travel. The San Francisco steamers landed 1,964 passengers in Victoria and carried 9,814 through to Seattle; while the limers arriving from China and Japan brought 3,264 of all classes, saloon and steerage, tourists and cooles, to Victoria and carried 3,211, beyond this port. The Australian steamer's brought 546 who were landed here and took 1,608 on while the Mexican liners landed 4,904 passengers here and carried on 110. There were also a few arrivals from Cape Nome and other ports.

It was in May, June, July and August that the bulk of the travel took place. The commencement of the rate war on May 10 began the influx from Seattle. Commencing with the crowds of 1,1000 and 1,134 brought by the two

It is pointed out by Mr. Smart that the brightness of the prospect is particularly gratifying in view of the fact that when the preparations were inaugurated several months ago there was a problem of serious proportions to be solved. The old buildings had been completely demolished by fire and it was even hinted that the annual show would be abandoned. But it wasn't allowed to drop. The officials locked hands in the determination, by united effort, to build it up anew. The necessary funds were raised, other structures were designed and constructed, the work was rushed and constructed, the work was rushed to a satisfactory conclusion, and, in the process, such enthusiasm was roused and such attention directed to roused and such attention directed to the Capital that Mr. Smart asserts "Victoria is on the eve of bringing off a show which in the number of its entries, in the support promised from all quarters, and in general ex-cellence will be second to none ever held within the confines of British Columbia."

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## The Horse Show Is The Millinery Show

The Victoria gala time, when a pretty woman realizes that she must endeavor to look her prettiest. She knows that nothing makes or mars a woman's beauty more than the hat she wears. We are all ready for the Horse Show with the most elaborate display of stunning Parisian, London and American models, also equally charming creations from the deft hands of our own experts—the most beautiful and picturesque Hats ever shown in Victoria. The air of exclusive fashion which always pervades Henry Young & Co.'s Millinery is one of the interesting features of the fine exhibit.

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whether they desire to purchase or not. Visit these showrooms and you will say it is a simple matter. even for the most fastidious and the choicest dresser to select a lovely and most becoming Hat, fit to wear at the Horse Show or upon any other auspicious occasion. We want as many ladies as possible to view them just to hear their expressions of delight, but we're not going to describe them. We simply say, "Come! come!! COME!!!

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