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THE TOURIST BUSINESS

How many tourists visit Victoria every season? Our estimate is somewhere between 70,000 and 80,000. There cannot be many less; there may be many more. Most of them do not remain long; if they remained longer they would add enormously to the business of the city and the Island. Let it be assumed that when the various attractive places on the Island have been made available the number of visitors doubles and the average stay of each is extended to a week. Let us estimate for 150,000 people remaining each a week on an average. That amounts to about 1,000,000 days. Putting the expenditure of these people at \$5 per head, and that is far from high, we have \$5,000,000 expended in the community, not all in Victoria, of course but in various parts of the Island. This sort of thing would go on increasing from year to year, as the western part of the Continent increases. There is not the least reason why we may not look forward to a time, not may not look forward to a time, not we have an exceedingly interesting very far away, when tourists will spend interview with Mr. F. S. Swales, of, \$20,000,000 on Vancouver Island every

This is not said merely as a guess. The Canadian Pacific is going to build one of its chalet hotels at Cameron Lake. It is going to construct a trail up Mount Arrowsmith, and will build a cabin at the timber line. Speaking roughly Mount Arrowsmith is 100 miles from Victoria, and the E. & N. Railway runs very close to its base. This mountain is exceedingly picturesque. It is approximately 6,000 feet high, not so very high, indeed, as mountains go; but unlike most mountain peaks it does not rise out of an elevated plateau. The view from its summit takes in the ocean, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Gulf of Georgia. The Olympic mountains, the Cascades and the matchless range of the Vancouver Island Mountains are all visible from its summit. There are other mountains on the Island of which this is also true, but is it not true of most of the mountains which tourists visit. It is safe to say that during the summer months, say June. July August and September, thousands of tourists will visit this mountain, when once its attractiveness and readiness of access become known.

Out in the country through which the ing the head of Cowichan Lake is a wonderful cataract. It is said to be 1.500 feet high. The stream that falls sheer over it is not very large, and before it reaches the base of the precipice it is broken into foam. It continues on its course between two glaciers, where during the warm summer its volume is greatly augmented. When the railway has been built to Barkley Sound and hotel accommodation is provided near this unique spot, thousands of people will go out to visit it.

Who has not heard of Long Beach, that broad expanse of sand upon which the waves of the Pacific beat with tremendous force? It is one of the few great ocean beaches that are accessible on the Pacific Northwest, and is said to be the grandest of them all. It will soon be possible to go to this beach by a motor from Alberni, though perhaps at first the motor may have to be carried a part of the way by boat on Sproat and Kennedy Lakes. When the road is made and a hotel is erected at the beach there will be thousands of vis-

When Buttle's Lake and Strathcona Park are made accessible and hotel accommodation is provided, there will be a wonderful rush of tourists to that part of the Island, Here visitors will see nature in her very wildest moods. Mountain climbers can get their full of their peculiar pleasure. It will not be long before a motorist can take his car at Victoria and ride in to Buttle's Lake along a fine highway and through matchless scenery.

There is a road from Victoria to Jordan River. By and bye it will be extended all the way to Nitinat, and probably along the sea for a very large part of the distance. There will be one or more hotels at Sooke, one or more further along the shore, one or more at Nitinat, and of course one where the highway will reach Barkley Sound, as it ultimately will. From that point motors can be transported in a ferry to say Ucluelet and thence they can run to Long Beach, returning by way of Alberni, and probably going to Buttle's Lake and out by way of Campbell River and down the east coast by way of Nanaime, Ladysmith and Duncan to Victoria. Can any one suggest a more interesting motor ride, a ride with greater diversity, grandeur and beauty of scen-

At all the points mentioned there is ident fishing, and in the season, exellent hunting. Visitors will not be content to make a flying trip in many cases, but they will remain to enjoy the aried attractions surrounding the several stopping places. But we have not spoken of more than half of the Island. The Canadian Pacific will extend the E. & N. to the north end and the C.N.R. is out for the same destination. No one can tell in advance what opportunities for recreation and enjoyable holidays these railways will not afford. The beauty spots of Vancouver Island are innumerable, and when once they have made easily accessible, once suitable accommodation for travelers has been provided, all the world and his wife

What does this mean to the Island and to this city? These people must all he few This means that around the several hotels and resorts there will be fruit, dairy and truck farms, from which thousands of people will make a living, and this in its turn will contribute to the commercial importance of Victoria and the other cities. The value of the scenery and climate of Vancouver Island as an asset for the promotion of prosperity cannot be neasured, and the outlay of money necessary to enable the most to be made of these advantages, large though it will of necessity be, will be money well

MR. SWALES ON CANADA

London, an architect in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway company in an advisory and critical capacity. What this gentleman says of the future of the Dominion is of very great interest. He foretells such an influx into Canada as few of us have ever anticipated, and he is clearly convinced that in the immediate future the demands of travel upon the hotel accommodation provided by his company will tax it beyond its present limits. As a matter of fact it is thus taxed now.

The observations of Mr. Swales of necessity apply to the parts of the country reached by the main arteries of travel. Out of the range of these are vast areas full of attractions to the investor, the miner, the farmer, the tourist, and in short to all sorts and descriptions of men who are interested in a great country in the making. We have yet to hear from these. What the Canadian Pacific has done so admirably, although Mr. Swales does not think it has been done on a sufficiently large scale, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern will do. They would do it anyway as a matter of sound business policy; they must do it in or-

der to keep pace w ... the pioneer line. Reference is made in the interview done by the Canadian Pacific. This has been remarkable and very intelligently handled. In addition to this the other great railway companies and the Dominion and Provincial governments have been active in the same field. Perhaps no country in the world was ever advertised as Canada is today and the results of it will be seen in ever expanding circles.

And now we are asked why the Conservatives did not consent to try reciprocity for a year. If a thing is not good, why try it at all?

Halifax telegrams to the Toronto Globe say that the damages to the Niobe were not serious. Every one will be glad to hear this and we have no doubt that Commander Macdonald will come out of the inquiry, that is to be made, without blame.

The Montreal Herald (Liberal) says that the naval agreement made at the Imperial Conference brings the Canadian Navy "within a hair's breadth of where the Nationalist leaders used to say they could support it." This seems like rather a severe reflection upon the Herald's political chief, who

Arrested As Spy

BREMEN, Germany, Aug. 7 .- An Englishman, said to be an officer in the British yeomanry, was arrested here today, accused of spying on the German fortifications on the North sea coast. The prisoner, whose name has not been learned, has been admitted to

Sawmill Destroyed.

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Wash., Aug. 7 .-The Cottshall and Metsker sawmill, the largest in Sedro-Woolley, was partly destroyed by fire tonight. The planing mill and the dry kiln were saved, but the main building, the offices and much of the stock were lost. The damage is placed at \$30,000 half insured.

Patality at Copper River. CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 7.-Two men were killed and several badly injured today when a section of the Chitina tunnel on the Copper River and North western railway caved in. W. A. O'Neil forman, and John Summers were killed and Atone Sibla is missing, still imprisoned in the tunnel. It is believed that he is dead. Eleven men were caught in the cave-in, but rescuers promptly dug out all except Sibla. A relief train has been sent to care for

resident Taft Takes Unusual Course of Appealing to Public to Use Influence With

MOUNTAIN LAKE PARK, Md., Aug. -President Taft travelled 400 miles through Maryland and West Virginia today by special train to appeal to the people of the United States to use their moral influence to have the Senate ratify the British and French arbitration treatles and the treatles with Nicaragua

His appeal was made direct to the Mountain Lake Park Chautauqua of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but in it the President included the rest of the

"I observe," said the President, "that there is some suggestion that by ratifying this treaty the Senate may in some way abdicate its function of treaty the substance in any such

"To have these treatles not ratified by the Senate of the United States, or to have any hesitation and discussion of a serious character in respect to them, would halt the movement toward general peace which has made substantial advance in the last ten years.

"To secure the ratification of the treaties, however, appeal must be made to the moral sense of the nation, and while that is not entirely in the keeping of the churches, certainly they may exert a powerful influence in the promotion of any effective instrumentality to secure permanent peace."

Leaving the arbitration treaties behind, the President asked for the same sort of popular support of the treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua.

"There is no issue before the Senate so acute in respect to the cause of peace as the confirmation of these central American treaties," said the President. While I admit the greater importance universal treaties of arbitration in the long run, and as affecting the world at large, yet in respect of American interests, in respect of peace in this hemisphere, they are not equal in present interest to the confirmation of these Central American treaties."

In making his plea for the Central merican conventions, Mr. Taft highly praised former President Roosevelt, He spoke of the tendency of the United States to lend a helping hand to less powerful peoples, and instanced Mr. Roosevelt's intervention in Cuba. That tendency was evidenced also, he said, by the wonderfully successful interention by Theodore Roosevelt" as President in securing peace between Japan and Russia.

U. S. STEEL INQUIRY

Mr. Perkins, Formerly Director of Corporation, to Give Evidence-Books and Becords Wanted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7 .- The house committee on enquiry into the United tigation tomorrow. George W. Perkins, former partner in J. P. Morgan & company, and a member of the board of directors of the steel corporation, has been summoned to appear.

Richard Trimble, secretary of the steel corporation, also has been summoned to bring records and books relating to the corporation's business. The committee issued subpoenss for Mr Trimble to produce copies of all records relating to wire pools, rail pools, and the Carnegie steel plate association. formed when Mr. Trimble was with the Carnegie steel company. When assured in New York the other day by Richard . Tindabury, counsel for the steel corporation, that Trimble had no such rec ords, Chairman Stanley declared: "Then tell Mr. Trimble to bring his

recollection with him." The examination of Mr. Perkins, it is expected, will last several days.

POPE PIUS BETTER

Physicians Begard Condition of His Holiness as Satisfactory—Suffers Prom Gout.

ROME. Aug. 7 .- The condition of Pope Pius who today suffered a slight relapse, was satisfactory tonight, according to his physicians. The expressed belief was that a few days would suffice to perfect a recovery.

Dealing with the illness of the pope. the Observatore Romano, the Vatican organ, tonight published the following

official statement: "The Pope has almost completely recovered from the recent affection of the larynx, but has been suffering since last night from a slight attack of gout

in the right knee." Dr. Pettachi, private physician to his Holiness, and Dr. Marchiafava, consulting physician at the Vatican, visited the pope this morning and again this evening. Tonight they said that while they found a slight rise in temperature, they considered the general condition of the patient good.

Canceists Drowned

KENORA, Ont., Aug. 7 .- Victoria D. Webster, formerly of Aurora, Ont., and T. A. Proctor, were drowned by the upsetting of a canoe near Devil's Gap.

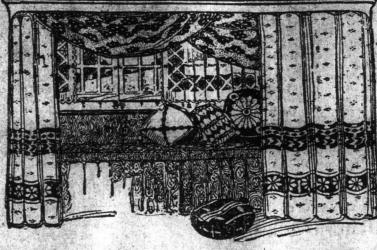
CHICAGO, Aug. 7 .- One hundred and seventy-five Chicago printers left here in a special train tonight for San Francisco to attend the annual convention of the International Typographical Union, which opens there next Saturday. Among the questions to be discussed are the matter of a suggested increase in the death benefit, an increase in printers' pension rates and the agreement recently reached between the typographical locals and the Nation publishers' association, which expires in 1912. The Chicago delegation will be joined in the west by contingents from other locals.

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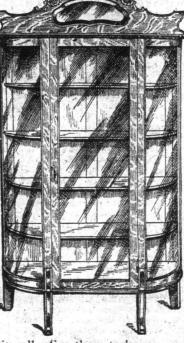
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