EARL GREY ON FUTURE OF CANADA

Impossible to Be Too Sanguine—Former Governor-General Welcomed Home

Liverpool, Oct. 21.—Earl Grey, accompanied by Ladies Sybil and Evelyn Grey, was given a royal welcome on their arrival here yesterday. The party were received by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool. His excellency, on being invited to give a public message, said:

"It is impossible to be too sanguine as to the future development of Canada. It is a splendid country, and it is going ahead as fast as anyone could wish. The more it increases its strength, the greater will be the accession of strength to the empire. I am glad to be back in England after seven eventful years. They have been seven happy years in a land of open sunshine and although I am glad to be back among those who are carrying practically single-handed the whole burden of the British Empire, I confess I was sorry to leave the Dominion of Canada.

"As to the Canadian climate, I can only say I thoroughly enjoyed it, whether in summer or winter, and I am sure that before the present winter is over I shall wish to be in Canada again."

Continuing, Earl Grey said he ventured to disagree with the regret that the Canadian census returns did not show as well as had been too hastily assumed in some quarters. Canada had had her setbacks, but the increase in population was a substantial one, and it was only as compared with estimates that a falling off would be shown. He would not agree that those who had framed these estimates had been too sanguine.

Lord Grey and family later journeyed to London by a special train in which was reserved a royal saloon decorated with choice flowers, the gift of the Canadian club, the Allan line and the C. P. R.

WOMEN MUST TELL REAL AGE.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 21.—In a letter to Mrs. Clara Shortridge Foltz, head of one of the suffrage clubs that conducted the recent campaign, Attorney-General Webb declares that women must tell their real ages when they register to vote. Merely saying they are more than 21 will not do as heretofore, and according to Mrs. Foltz a woman that does not tell her real age when she registers her vote can be challenged and the voter subjected to criminal proceedings.

NEW WESTMINSTER Y. M. C. A. BUILDING

New Institution Will Be Formally Opened on Monday—Programme Arranged

New Westminster, Oct. 20.—Monday, October 23, is the date fixed for the official opening of the New Westminster Y. M. C. A. building, to the finishing touches on which the contractors are now giving their best efforts. Recently the structure, which is located on Royal avenue, was formally inspected and declared to be satisfactory in every respect, and but little remains to be done to make it complete to the last detail, when it will be one of the most up-to-date homes of the Association in Canada.

To celebrate the opening of this institution an ambitious programme is being prepared by Will Anderson, the enthusiastic secretary, in which he is ably seconded by G. I. Sovereign, the physical director who has just recently arrived to take up his duties.

In all, the programme will occupy three days, beginning with a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon at 4.15, which will be addressed by C. R. Sayers, travelling secretary for western Canada, who has been an energetic member of the canvassing committee which finally made the erection of the building a possibility.

On Monday evening the formal opening will be made by Mr. Sayer, assisted by Dr. Henderson, Professor Hetherington and E. W. Keenleyside, president of the association. His Grace Bishop de Pencier will pronounce the prayer of dedication. In the afternoon of the same day a reception will be given to the ladies of the city, when the wives of the directors will act as hostesses.

The concluding act in the ceremonies as at present outlined will be the Young People's night on Tuesday, when a programme will be pulled off in the gymnasium under the direction of Mr. Sovereign, physical director. Local boys will provide the gymnastic section of the evening's entertainment, there will be a basketball match between the Vancouver and New Westminster teams, and the Vancouver branch will furnish a team to give an exhibition of swimming and life saving.

LABORER KILLED.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 21.—Bruno Costanzi, an Italian laborer, 30 years old, was fatally injured and four other men hurt at 3.15 this morning, when hurled from a speeding dirt train rounding a curve at Holland street and Garland avenue, on the Spokane traction car line. The car did not leave the track, but the men who were sitting on the floor were hurled to the street, falling on a pile of rocks. Costanzi's skull was fractured and his chest crushed. He died a few hours later.

David Zee's left arm was broken and three other men were bruised.

ONLY ONE STEAMER NORTH NEXT MONTH

G .T. P. Withdrawing Prince George From Run—Rupert Continues Same Schedule

Only one more trip will be made to Prince Rupert this winter by the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince George, Capt. Frank Saunders, as according to the new schedule, just drawn up by the officials of the company, the vessel is to be withdrawn on November 1, and only a weekly service maintained to the north. The Prince Rupert is to continue operating on the same time table during the winter months as she has been this summer.

For some time past the officials have been drafting a new schedule for their boats. On November 1 the Prince George will make fast to the company's docks here and lie up for several months. She will be equipped with oil burners and given her annual overhaul. The Prince Rupert, Capt. Barney Johnson, will be laid up when the work on the George is completed, and undergo a similar overhaul. When the semi-weekly schedule starts next spring the two vessels will both be oil burners, and it is expected that they will add a little to their speed.

The steamer Prince John, Capt. Weirmouth, which has been connecting with the big steamers at Prince Rupert for the past month and taking the passengers bound for Stewart on to their destination, will be operated on a new schedule. She is to meet the Prince Rupert on her arrival at the G. T. P. terminal and proceed to the Portland Canal town, but the rest of the week will be used in calling at coast towns and the Queen Charlotte islands. Among the ports of call will be Port Simpson, Kincolith, Refuge Bay, Skidegate, Queen Charlotte City, Pacofi, Lockeport, Jedway, Ikeda, Rose Harbor, Naden Harbor and Massett.

The Prince Albert, Capt. Duncan McKenzie, and the Henriette, Capt. Buckholtz, will continue on the run to northern British Columbia ports during the winter months .The Prince Rupert will arrive here on Sunday mornings at 6 o'clock, sail for Seattle at 10 and return here on Mondays at 6 a.m., sailing for the north at 10 a.m.

BATTLE NEAR HANKOW LASTED TWO DAYS

Hankow, Oct. 21.—(Delayed by transmission)—A two day's battle between the government forces from the north and the rebels ended in a victory for the latter.

The rebels forced the Imperial troops to retreat to a point four miles north of Hankow.

The loyalists dropped several miles down the coast.

When the fighting ceased Wednesday evening the revolutionists took up a strong position. Reinforcements of rebels arrived during the night and early on Thursday morning a force fully 5,000 strong, began to advance on the Imperial encampment.

The advance was conducted cautiously. On the march the rebels burned hundreds of huts, fearing ambush.

The loyalists' infantry made a faint show of resistance.

When the rebel scouts reached the Imperial camp they found it deserted and the main body entered waving banners and shouting.

The Loyalist evacuation was so hurried that they left many tents and six carloads of baggage and ammunition.

The rebel army is now entrenched in camp three miles from Hankow.

The Loyalists have stopped seven miles further north, where they are awaiting reinforcements.

Crew Sink Gunboat.

Shanghai, Oct. 21. — Yesterday's advices from Hankow state that the defeated Imperial troops are now entrenched on Seven-Mile Creek.

One Chinese gunboat was sunk in the river by its crew, who deserted to the rebels. Admiral Sah Chen Ping took the other warships of the fleet down the river as he could not trust their crews.

TWO HINDUS CONVICTED.

New Westminster, Oct. 21.—Guilty in the first degree was the verdict returned by the jury in the case in which Makun Singh and Ishar Singh were charged with wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The case occupied two days and was rather complicated, the evidence being hard to extract from the witnesses, who were nearly all British Indians. Following the announcement of the verdict, two of the witnesses, Ishar Singh (brother of the Hindu who was found guilty) and Borg Singh, were arrested and will be committed for perjury.

The occurrence took place last August in the Hindu colony in the lower part of the city, when Dharm Singh was assaulted by the two prisoners. He was passing their house, he claims, on the way to the Hindu temple when the two men came out. One of them grabbed him while the other beat him on the head and back with a hammer.

Another feature of the case was an anonymous letter sent to the chief justice during the hearing of the case asking him "to be sure and convict the accused." The writer, who had apparently endeavored to disguise his handwriting, signed himself "A lover of truth and justice." Chief Justice Hunter read the letter in open court and expressed his intention of handing it over to the chief of police, styling the offence a gross contempt of court.

KILLED BY BANDITS.

Carmi, Ill., Oct. 21.—Three masked men entered the saloon of John A. Schafer at Graysville, eight miles from here, shot and killed Schafer, wounded his brother Andrew, and robbed the cash register early to-day. The robbers escaped.

VETO EPIDEMIC IS AGAIN MANIFESTED

Mayor Kills Proposal for New Police Headquarters in Market Block

(From Saturday's Daily.)

As was anticipated in the Times of yesterday, Mayor Morley exercised his veto in regard to the expenditure of $30,000 recently voted by the people for the new police headquarters in the market building. He did so with regret, but his regret did not appear to convince the aldermen, who contested that point hotly and argued, not only that coercive methods were being employed by his worship upon the city officials, but that as a matter of fact a by-law, having been authorized by the ratepayers, was more than he could veto.

Only one alderman spoke in favor of the mayor, Ald. Ross moving the adoption of the report, which was accompanied by supplementary reports from the city comptroller and Chief Langley, both of which commended the idea of the mayor for the immediate improvement of the present police quarters as against the spending of the money for the purpose for which it was obtained.

In declaring the resolution of the council vetoed, Mayor Morley explained his scheme of improvement and alteration to the present headquarters, which he stated would not cost more than $650. He claimed the benefit of precedent for his action and pointed to the several instances in the past where the money voted by by-law had not been spent upon the object for which it was raised. The usual course in such matters, he said, would be for him to return the resolution for reconsideration, but on account of the "atmosphere of combatativeness," which the council had recently been exhibiting toward the mayor's propositions, he contended that it was useless to follow that course. He concluded his argument by quoting the chief of police as in favor of his scheme. The chief had said that with the improvements suggested the present quarters would suffice for the next 12 months.

Immediately the document had been read Ald. Langley moved, and Ald. Humber seconded, that they be received and filed. Ald. H. M. Fullerton suggested the alternative course, that they be laid on the table for a week so that the aldermen could obtain copies of them for a closer perusal.

Ald. Peden asked a question, and the mayor was about to reply, when Ald. H. M. Fullerton called him to order, but the council decided amid laughter that the mayor had a perfect right to reply to a direct question to the chair.

Ald. Bishop contended that Chief Langley had contradicted himself blankly. He had been complaining for years against the present police quarters, and even since the by-law was passed he had been agitating for its speedy operation, and yet in his report he apparently had turned his back on himself in order to please the mayor and subscribe to his idea of having the police quarters in the civic centre area.

Ald. Okell did not think the mayor could veto a by-law, and his action in vetoing the council's resolution, which merely authorized the implementation of the by-law, amounted to no less than that. The money had been voted for that specific purpose by the ratepayers, and he could not for the life of him see where the mayor got his right to veto it.

Ald. W. F. Fullerton—Will your worship tell us what part of the act gives you the right to veto this by-law.

Mayor Morley—I have not vetoed the by-law. I have only vetoed the resolution.

Ald. W. F. Fullerton—But in this case it is the same thing, your worship. Now as regards your claim that the people were not aware of the civic centre scheme when this by-law was passed, I say that it is perfect nonsense. It is futile and misleading to say that they were not aware of it. I object, sir, under section 12 of the Municipal Clauses Act, to your vetoing a by-law passed by the people. There is nothing in that section to warrant your action. A money by-law cannot be put into force without a resolution of the council, and it is that resolution which you have vetoed. I claim that the veto in this case is contrary to the statutes. Of course you over-ride us all and I have no doubt that you will over-ride my protest.

The applause which broke out at the close of the alderman's brief address had to be checked by the mayor. As the house was crowded, however, by interested spectators, it was impossible at all times to keep a check on the outbreaks.

Continuing the debate, Ald. Langley said it appears to him to be nothing short of a subterfuge on the mayor's part to veto the wishes of the people. "It is possible, however, to obtain legal opinion as to the validity of the mayor's action, and therefore I think that the best course to pursue at this time is to receive and file the reports," he added.

Ald. H. M. Fullerton then accused the mayor of coercing city officials into making reports in which they did not believe in order to obtain his favor. He said it appeared to him that the mayor liked the idea of holding the council up as adverse to him; that his worship wanted it to be understood that the mayor was the only gentleman in the hall who was at all interested in the city's welfare; that he wanted it to be understood that if this money was spent on the police headquarters in the market building, for which specific purpose it was raised and authorized, it was being done merely to spite him.

Ald. Fullerton referred to the former attitude of Chief Langley in regard to the need of new quarters, and placed that beside his present report upon the subject, and stated that no city official was going to write a communication like that blankly contradicting himself unless he was coerced into it. He thought that the chief should be brought into the hall to admit the fact of coercion.

"Because he is an official of the city he is placed in that horrible position; and I think that it is absolutely unfair for a man to use his position to make others write reports which they did not believe in," the alderman continued, and he went on to describe the present headquarters of the police as a disgrace to the city.

"The mayor," he said, "has carefully thought out the situation and he has written a very clever letter, as he is well capable of doing. The mayor has claimed that the council is not willing to do business with him, but I contend that as long as he was willing to do business with the council the council was willing to meet him. This, however, is but another play to the gallery, as the election is near at hand. I regret having to say these things, but somebody has to say them, and I have the courage to do it."

Mayor Morley would have replied to the statements of Ald. Fullerton, but the council would not hear him again on the subject. The motion to receive and file was then put and carried.

PLAN TO CHECK EVIL OF DIVORCE

Seattle Judge Favors Separate Court to Consider All Domestic Cases

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 21.—Judge King Dykeman, of the superior court, believes that a court of domestic relations, to give its entire attention to divorce cases, would cut down the number of divorce decrees granted in King county at least one-third. Judge Dykeman announced his intention of presenting the matter to his brother judges, with the hope of having a judge detailed to the work under rules to be adopted by the bench.

It is believed by Judge Dykeman that the rule could be made without additional legislation, requiring the investigation of all divorce cases before trial. This would give the new court an opportunity to do its work and to heal domestic differences where the causes for divorce were trivial, as many of them are, and to stop in the incipiency the many cases where collusions of husband and wife is made plain.

The court, as operated elsewhere, notably in Chicago, is assisted by an investigating officer, who consults with intending divorcees, advises and assists them in straightening quarrels out and generally works to reunite the belliscose couples. In this he has the advice of the judge of the court.

"I have considered this matter for years," said Judge Dykeman, "and more seriously of late. Chicago is now experimenting with the question, and, I believe, getting good results. In all discussions of the divorce evil no solution has yet been offered. The hands of the judges are practically tied through the limitations of the law. I believe that the parties in 70 per cent. of the cases agree to get a divorce, which is contrary to law, and these people come into court and tell a story that entitles them to a divorce. There is, of course, no opportunity and no machinery with which to investigate these cases.

"I think a court of domestic relations should be established here on some general lines as the juvenile court. While it would involve the investigation of cases that have no real merit, it would also enable unbiased and disinterested officials to conduct such investigation under the authority of the court, and to endeavor to keep the home intact, rather than to allow it to be broken up for selfish interests. I know of many cases where decrees have not been granted, and yet the parties were prevented from reuniting by the feeling engendered over the testimony given in court. If these cases do not come to trial they will more surely result in reconciliation through the good offices of the court.

"One of the experienced and elder judges of the superior court, whose wisdom of the years would be of great assistance in solving the domestic difficulties, should be detailed to the work, and I have no doubt that fully one-third of the divorce cases could be eliminated. Another thing, if it were generally known that such a court existed, ready for closed investigations, many of the cases would never be filed."

NANAIMO TRAMWAY PROJECT.

Nanaimo, Oct. 20.—At the weekly meeting of the city council the following letter was received from H. J. Haffner, of the B. C. Hydraulic Company:

"We are just now in receipt of advice from Mr. C. B. Smith that he is willing to consider the basis agreement suggested at last Monday's committee meeting, viz: that if the city will guarantee the interest on bonds estimated to cover the cost of construction inside the city and will vote the power company a franchise it will at once incorporate the railway company and proceed to construction within a reasonable time. It will also allow the city the percentage of gross revenue which was outlined in our proposal to the city in December, 1910. We will be glad if the committee will discuss this matter and advise us as to whether they will put it to a vote of the people. We will at once have the necessary agreement and by-law drawn up for submission to the people at as early a date as possible."

Ald. Busby moved, seconded by Ald. McKinnell, the communication be referred to the tramway committee for investigation and report.

Mayor Planta suggested the council consider the question at once and have a by-law prepared to be submitted to the ratepayers as soon as possible.

Ald. Wilson agreed with Mayor Planta's suggestion and moved in amendment the communication be received and the council agree to submit a by-law to the ratepayers upon the lines suggested in the communication.

Ald. Shaw seconded the amendment.

Ald. Busby withdrew his motion with the consent of his seconder, and Ald. Wilson's amendment was adopted.

True happiness is merely a case of not wanting the things you can't get.

CHINESE SCHOOL IS BROKEN INTO

Scholars Behind Locked Door Arrested and Charged With Playing Game of Fan-Tan

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Eleven Chinese were presented in the police court this morning to answer charges of gambling as the result of a raid made by the police in a big room over 1638 Government street last night. They were remanded until Tuesday on the application of R. C. Lowe, solicitor, who will maintain for the defence that the police broke up a night school, and that gambling was not in progress.

Entrance was gained to the locked room at 6.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when Constable Blackstock burst open the locked school room door and entered the room, followed by a party of police officers. They found eleven Chinese calmly sitting round two long tables undisturbed by the noise of bursting the door, and with slates and pencils in front of them carefully spelling out words of one syllable.

"What does k-i-t-t-y spell?" asked one of the almond-eyed scholars of the policemen after entry had been gained. Others were spelling out c-a-t and d-o-g.

The room was entered on a warrant secured following on reports that it was used for gambling. The occupants made the necessary enquiry as to why the police had burst open the school and then decided to leave. The officers, however, barred the door and made a search of the room. Beneath the floor they found a secret cupboard in which were discovered cloths for gambling tables and other articles used in the game of fan-tan.

The Chinese were taken to the police station and there searched. In all they had over $600 between them. One had $264 and another $259. Later in the evening an elderly Chinese called at the police station and in moderately good English asked why his night school had been arrested.

After having been friends for twenty-five years, James Cross and Robert Brown engaged in a fight on the public street yesterday. This morning, when paying $5 each into court for having disturbed the peace, they remarked they were not fighting, but were just making amusement for themselves.

Robert Scott, a vagrant, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and Sam, who was recently found guilty of keeping an opium joint, was found guilty of having opium in his possession and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, to run concurrently with the six months he is now sentenced to for being a joint-keeper. He is entering an appeal through J. S. Brandon.

LOCAL NEWS

—The appointment of Don Jose Maria Aramendia as consul for Mexico at Vancouver has been approved by the King.

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—The bridge tournament, organized by the senior members of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, will take place at the residence of Mrs. A. Stuart-Robertson on November 4.

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—Building permits issued on Friday were: Dunford & Son, dwelling on Fell street, to cost $2,800; Mrs. M. M. Harper, dwelling on Belton avenue, $1,950; John Rendall, dwelling on Cedar Hill road, $1,200.

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—Almost all the tickets for the Y. M. C. A. course of lectures, which begin on November 1, have been subscribed, and a pleasant season is anticipated. L. W. Ford, cartoonist, will occupy the first evening of the series.

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—The Sheffield Choir, so well remembered in Victoria and all the other Western cities where they visited last May, arrived in Plymouth on September 30. Dr. Coward and the choir greatly enjoyed the trip through Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

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—A claim of $300 is being lodged against the city by a Mr. King, whose horse and vehicle sustained that amount of damage on Herald street through falling into a trench which was improperly or not sufficiently lighted. The city solicitor, who had inquired into the case, begged leave to fight the case. Such leave was granted.

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—Tenders are being called by the Victoria Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., for the construction of their new block on North Park street, which is to be replete with modern equipments of machinery and fittings. Tenders close on Monday afternoon. The building is to consist of reinforced concrete, and will, it is understood, be an accession to the architectural features of the city as well as to the economical requirements of the city.

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—It was decided on Friday's meeting of the city council to delay the paving of Gorge road until May, on account of the Sooke Lake water scheme. Mr. Meredith, the engineer for the work, recommended the delay. Several of the aldermen were opposed to the delay, but on a division it carried by six to four.

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—The Young Ladies' Club of the Metropolitan Methodist church held a box banquet last Wednesday evening. There were 53 members present. Rev. T. E. Holling addressed the club. The work for the coming year was planned and a musical programme given in which the following young ladies took part: Piano solo, Miss K. Hastie; duet, Misses Foxall and Miller; vocal solo, Miss Luney; duet, Misses Baker and Weston; piano solo, Miss K. Hastie.

NEW GRAIN ROUTE FROM WEST TO EAST

Last Rail Laid on C. P. R. Line From Victoria Harbor to Bethany

Montreal, Nov. 21.—The last rail on the C. P. R. new grain route from Victoria Harbor to Bethany has been laid. Word to that effect was received at the local headquarters of the C. P. R. yesterday afternoon and as soon as the ballasting has been completed the line will be ready for regular traffic. This should not take more than a couple of months at the most, as the greater part of the ballasting is already finished. What ballasting that will have to be done before the line is ready for traffic is in the vicinity of Lindsay and Bethany. At Lindsay, where the biggest bridge of the line is being finished, the builders have a big staff of men at work and it is expected to be completed in very short time. There are several other bridges on the line, but the only one of importance is where the line crosses from Lake Simcoe to Lake Couchiching. Here there is a 160-foot span swing bridge.

The completion of this line by the Canadian Pacific is of singular importance. It will play an important part in the transportation of the grain crops of the west to Montreal and the east.

When this new line is in operation the grain can be forwarded from the head of the lakes by steamer to Victoria harbor, on Georgian Bay, the western terminus of the line, and from there by rail to Montreal. The advantages of the new route are manifold. First of all, it will cut down the time consumed in shipping the grain from the head of the lakes by many hours. Compared with the Owen Sound-Toronto route it means a saving in haul of nearly one hundred miles, and it is obviously much shorter than the all-water route. Another advantage is that it is a line with practically no grade, a feature that will tend to make the running of trains much easier.

Outside of its usefulness as a grain line the new branch will have considerable value as a passenger line. It will allow the C. P. R. to tap a country which they have not heretofore had and it will give good transportation facilities to a large farming populace.

The new line starts from the dock at Victoria harbor and crosses the Toronto-Sudbury line of the C. P. R., 13 miles out. At Bethany, 14 miles out of Peterboro, it forms a junction with the main Toronto-Montreal line of the C. P. R.

The Toronto Construction Company has had the work of building the road. It is 88 miles from Victoria harbor to Bethany and 85-pound rails have been laid. In connection with the new line the C. P. R. has spent huge sums of money in equipping Victoria harbor as the western terminus of the line. Two wharves 3,600 feet long and 60 feet wide have been built on either side of the harbor, and these are separated by a waterway 600 feet wide, giving ample room for the berthing of a dozen large lake boats at the same time. There has also been built a large storage elevator, a boiler house, two 1,000 feet freight and flour sheds, boarding houses, cottages, etc. The elevator is one of the largest in Canada. It has a storage capacity at present of 2,000,000 bushels of grain but it is so constructed that it can in future be enlarged to a capacity of 10,000,000 bushels.

MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Cranbrook, Oct. 20.—Cranbrook school trustees are striving earnestly to cope with the growing needs of the city in the direction of increased educational facilities.

Since the settlement of the litigation with the Fernie Construction Company, the trustees are left free to devote attention to matters that have been pressing upon them for some time past, particularly in regard to increased accommodation for pupils, due to the steady growth of the city and its rapid expansion in certain quarters.

At their last meeting, the school trustees discussed details of work requisite to place the present public school buildings and grounds in first-class shape.

The grounds will be levelled and fenced; this work has already been started. Certain improvements and alterations to the main building are also being undertaking. The board has decided to purchase block 142, between the rink and the public school, upon which will be erected a residence for the janitor and a building to be utilized as a manual training school, a much needed addition to the educational facilities of the city.

Certain sections of the city are growing very rapidly and it is recognized that steps must be taken to meet the school requirements of these sections. With that object in view the trustees are now looking out for suitable sites for two additional school buildings.

BLAZE AT GOLDEN.

Golden, Oct. 21.—Originating from an overheated stove, fire destroyed the building in which were located the offices of H. N. Merriam, C. P. R. assistant engineer, and C. D. A. Lang. The damage is not very extensive, but many valuable documents were consumed by the flames.

PLEDGE FOR BOY SCOUTS.

Winchester, Ont., Oct. 21.—At the meeting of the Dominion W. C. T. U. yesterday it was decided to ask the government to exact a triple pledge from the Boy Scouts that they shall eschew profanity, tobacco and liquor.

M'NAMARA TRIAL.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 21.—There was no session of court to-day in the McNamara murder trial.

EXTRA HOTEL SPACE FOR TOURIST SEASON

Brisk Development in Accommodation—"Prince George" Will Be Opened Next Month

The hotel accommodation of the city is to see a considerable extension before the next tourist season commences, the plans of work to be done providing for many new rooms in existing buildings, and for at least two new hotels of high class, with a good chance of a third building, entirely leaving out of consideration the proposed G.T.P. hotel on the Belleville street site.

The new Prince George hotel of five storeys at the corner of Douglas and Pandora, will be finished in a week or two, and the architect, L. W. Hargreaves, said yesterday it can be opened for business by the stipulated time, November 15, for the proprietor, Jason Graham. This will provide 111 rooms, a large addition to the hotel accommodation of the city. Work has already been started on the hotel for Challoner & Mitchell, on the north side of Yates street, opposite the recently opened premises of Gordon, Ltd. This hotel, which will be five storeys in height, will possess 80 rooms, and is a luxurious house from the designs of Thomas Hooper. Luney Brothers are the contractors.

These two new hotels, to say nothing of the 90 rooms in the new south wing of the Empress hotel, are assured by the beginning of the tourist season, and represent in themselves at least 280 rooms, or accommodation for probably 400 persons, no insignificant factor in a growing city like Victoria.

Plans were got out two months ago by Hutchinson & Ford for a new hotel at the foot of Yates street for J. Morgan, to be constructed of the favorite pressed brick and terra cotta, and to be known as the Northern, which would contain over 30 bedrooms, but so far the scheme has not advanced owing to various causes. It, however, would be a great improvement to that portion of Yates street, just as the hotel for Challoner & Mitchell will hurry up the rebuilding of the north side of the same street between Douglas and Blanchard.

In addition to the hotels the apartment houses are also being taxed to provide for roomers, and permits have recently been granted to several proprietors, proving that investments of that character are regarded as sound. Another sign of the times, which may be detected here as in other cities, is the gradual abolition of the dining room, or else the practice of sub-letting it, and the establishment of the grill system. Another local hotel this week abandoned the American plan for the European, finding it better in many respects, and others are expected to follow suit.

PLENTY EMPLOYMENT FOR GENERAL LABORERS

Difficulties of Placing Men of Clerical Training—Registration as Panacea for Evil

The labor situation in this city, to judge by inquiries made this morning, will be easy this winter for the casual and street laborer, owing to the large amount of local improvement work, but clerks and men of superior education, who have never followed any particular trade, but have been attracted to this country by glowing accounts, are not finding it easy to obtain employment. There is quite a demand for rough white labor, for work which must be done before the storm weather sets in, but men whose previous training has unfitted them for heavy work cannot get suitable employment.

The manager of the B. C. Employment and Statistical Bureau, the new organization which is under the control of the Trades and Labor Council, says that the larger employers of labor are not yet sufficiently willing to assist in the work of an employment agency by registering vacancies, a means by which many more men might be placed in employment. He is aware of a large number of men in offices and stores in the Old Country and elsewhere who have written to the various publicity organizations for information about the Island, and who want engagements on landing. While the Allen Labor law prevents the engagement of those from a foreign country, he thinks that if the larger employers of men in the dry goods and wholesale houses would keep in touch with the bureau both masters and men might be brought in contact with one another better.

The proposed intelligence by-law of the City Council, with a license fee and regulation of the agencies, it is thought will check the bogus agencies which always spring up like mushrooms with railway construction work and fatten on the wages of the laborers. The better class of agencies will welcome this new move of the city authorities.

BIPLANE ENDURANCE RECORD

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 21.—Howard W. Gill, in a biplane, broke the American endurance record at Kinloch aviation field here, by remaining in the air 4 hours 16 minutes and 35 seconds. The former record, made by the late St. Croix Johnstone, was four hours and one minute. Gill ascended at 12:49-55 o'clock and descended at 5:06-30. His flight was principally over the field, but at times he flew over a triangular course of more than 30 miles. P. C. Parmalee attempted to make a new altitude record, but returned to the ground because of the atmospheric conditions after having ascended 4,000 feet.