MAP DISTRICTS FOR PRE-EMPTORS

Inauguration of Policy Reorganizing Land Surveys Marks Fulfilment of Promise Made by Hon. W. R. Ross

In accordance with a promise given the public of British Columbia by Hon. William R. Ross upon his acceptance of the responsibilities attaching to the administration of the Department of Lands, there are now almost ready for issue in that Department the four first of a series of pre-emptors' maps of available lands, surveyed, which await colonization and development by new agricultural settlers. The maps in question are based very largely upon the results of the activities of the corps of surveyors which has been employed in the opening north of British Columbia, where the field forces have largely been concentrated of late years, in consequence of the assurance of early facilities of communication for these areas through Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern Pacific construction. That mapping the districts had necessarily to await the completion of surveys explains the non-appearance earlier of these eagerly awaited documents.

Of the maps now in hand, Sheet 1 deals with the localities in Nechaco Township and contiguous to the Stuart River, Sheet 2 covering and delinating the locality of the Blackwater. Both of these are now in the hands of the printers and shortly to be issued. Sheet 3, of the Fort George locality, is at present almost complete, and Sheet 4—the Stuart Lake section—is well under way.

Necessity for reorganization of the system of land seurveys and classifications has long been recognized by the government. The obviously desirable changes require time for their consummation necessarily, but a beginning has been made, in the revision of the instructions this season issued to the surveyors taking the field and in the appointment of an inspector of surveys, in the person of Mr. W. S. Drewry, at present engaged on a first official tour through the Kootenays.

Hereafter surveyors employed under government auspices will be required, in so far as possible, to supplement their field notes with reports on forms prescribed by the Department of Agriculture, as to temperatures, rainfall, soil characteristics, timber, etc., which information will be tabulated and compiled in ready reference form for the convenience of land seekers.

Field Parties at Work

The force of surveyors at present engaged in field work for the Provincial Department of Lands numbers some thirty-two parties, these being widely scattered throughout the awakening northern areas and on the outlying islands, their general assignment being as follows:

1, P. C. Coates, Cortez Island; 2, J. H. Brownlee, Cariboo Road; 3, Green Bros. & Burden, Salmon River; 4, Noel Humphreys, Peace River; 5, F. Tupper, Peace River; 6, G. B. Milligan, Peace River 7, E. P. Colley, Ootsa Lake; 8, H. Fry, Nasco River; 9, A. W. Milligan, Decker Lake; 10, James Brady, East Kootenay; 11, James Hirsch, Kitimaat; 12, N. F. Townsend, Kitimaat; 13, F. C. Swannell, Nechaco River; 14, H. H. Browne, Rupert; 15, C. deB. Green, Queen Charlotte; 16, A. W. Harvey, Trembleur Lake; 17, J. F. Templeton, Horsefly Lake; 18, P. A. Landry, Lac La Hache; 19, A. F. Cotton, Stuart River; 20, Gillespie & Green, Graham Island North; 21, Sidney Williams, Quesnel; 22, Christie & Dawson, North Fork Thompson; 23, O. B. N. Wilkie, Bear River, (Cariboo); 24, F. Ritchie, Kitsumkalum; 25, R. Smith, Canoe River; 26, T. H. Taylor, Bonaparte River; 27, W. J. McElhanney, South Fork Fraser; 28, J. H. Gray, South Fork Fraser (yet to go out), 29, S. M. Johnson, Boundary; 30, C. H. Ellacott, Fort George; 31, K. C. C. Taylor, South Fork Fraser; 32, M. W. Hewett, South Fork Fraser.

Rules for Surveyors.

In addition to the general technical and professional rules laid down for the guidance of surveyors engaged under special instructions from the Minister of Lands, a circular recently issued by Surveyor-General Dawson notes that surveyors will hereafter be required to "leave every corner established in such condition that the danger of its destruction is minimised. Where bearing trees are used, the surveyor will, as a precaution against loss by fire, place, where practicable a few stones around the post. In sending in field-notes, he will state clearly what method has been adopted to preserve each corner.

"In carrying out surveys, the surveyor will tie in any application posts found of timber, purchase, lease, etc, on which markings are sufficiently legible to identify same, and return the tie and a copy of the markings with field-notes.

"Lakes of greater area than ten acres are to be traversed, and the area to be deducted from that of the lot—rivers over one chain in width to be traversed by one line, the position of the banks being located by offset, and such information given in the notes, as to the character of the river, as will enable the department to determine whether the area should be deducted. Such traverses, for the purpose only of determining the area of water in a lot, may be made with the stadia and compass; but this permission does not apply to traverses of water forming boundaries of lots. Shallow lakes and water-courses likely to dry up in dry seasons shall not be traversed, nor shall their area be deducted from that of the lot.

"The surveyor will, as called for in the "Land Act," classify each lot, and where same is subdivided, each quarter-lot. In addition, he will keep full notes as to the general characteristics of each parcel as to soil, timber, contour of ground, and its suitability for any economic use.

"He will also keep careful notes of the topographical features of the country, so as to furnish this department with a topographical sketch-map of the district surveyed and surrounding country."

HARD LABOR TERM

Thief Convicted of Having Camera Unlawfully In His Possession Gets 12 Months

The thieving element in the city is gradually being weeded out by the police and there ought soon to be a diminishing in the petty stealing which has been going on lately. Rooming houses are apparently favorite places for the carrying out of theft.

The second case of its kind came up in the police court yesterday morning, when Joe Napils, an Italian, was charged with unlawfully retaining in his possession a camera valued at $15, the property of Frank Pagett of this city, and formerly of London, Ont. Napils was found guilty of the charge and sentenced to 12 months at hard labor.

Pagett, who is employed as a laborer with one of the waterworks construction gangs, said that on the night of the theft, he was rooming at the Pandora hotel, and upon retiring for the night had left the camera in the outside pocket of his coat which he had hung on the back of the door leading into the room. The door was shut, but had not been locked as there was no key. He had heard no noise during the night, but on getting up in the morning he noticed that the door was open, and, becoming suspicious that something was wrong, immediately began an investigation, with the result that he discovered that his camera was missing from the coat.

Mr. A. Shaw, of the firm of Messrs. Shaw Bros, photographers, stated that he had sold the camera in question to Mr. Pagett, on the day before the theft, and when the accused entered his store and asked for plates for the camera, he at once identified it as the one which he had sold the day previous, and which he knew to be one of the only two of their kind in the city On being asked where he obtained the camera, Mr. Shaw claims that he said he had been in the possession of the camera for three years, but later when a constable had arrived said that he had received it from a friend, who had left for Vancouver about three weeks ago. The fact that the accused did not know the name or address of his "friend" who was so kind as to donate the camera without receiving any money watever for it was regarded by the magistrate as rather an improbable occurrence. In answer to the question of City Prosecutor Harrison as to how he came into possession of two silver watches and a fountain pen, the accused replied that he had bought one of the time-pieces in Seattle a short time ago and that another "friends" had been so kind as to present him with the other watch and the fountain pen. These tales of presentations apparently convinced the magistrate that they had the real perpetrator of the theft in charge.

AWAITING RETURN OF PREMIER McBRIDE

Government to Hold Conference with City Authorities and Railway Representatives

It is expected that an important meeting between the Provincial government and representatives of the City of Victoria and the several railway companies actively concerned in Victoria's development will be arranged for early in August. Such a meeting had been hoped for a month or more ago, but a postponement was then necessitated by the then absence of Executive Agent T. C. Holt of the Canadian Northern Pacific in Eastern Canada. Mr. Holt is now back in British Columbia, but it is felt that the matter has stood over so long that no interests concerned can possibly be prejudiced by a little longer delay until the return to the Capital of Premier McBride, who from the outset has, both as Prime Minister of the Province and as Victoria's senior representative in the Legislature, been especially active in furtherance of the negotiations ultimately resulting—to the great delight of Victorians—in the extinction of the old Songhees reserve so long existing as a blot on the city's landscape and a detriment to its progress and natural growth.

SEEKING MURDERER

Another Man Taken Into Custody in Connection with Double Tragedy at Rainier, Wash.

TACOMA, July 14.—Swan Peterson, a section hand wanted in connection with the double murder at Rainier last Monday night, in which Archie Coble and his wife were killed with an axe, is in the Pierce county jail tonight. Sheriff Longmire of this county, and Deputy Stenso, this afternoon found the man at Meeker's Junction, a suburb, where he was waiting to take a car for Puyallup.

Peterson made no attempt to deny his identity, but disclaims any knowledge of the Rainier murders. He explains his leaving Rainier after working a day and a half without waiting to collect his pay, by saying that he found his wages would amount to but $2.25 and his board bill $2.65, so he concluded to leave and let his landlord collect the wages. Peterson came to Rainier from Portland, Ore.

Suspicion was directed to Peterson by the report that blood-stains were found on the bedclothes of the room he occupied at Rainier. Word from Rainier is to the effect that another man was arrested at Yetme, Wash., and is now in custody at Rainier.

Arthur Pierce, a half-witted Rainier resident, has been released.

Mr. Forget Retires

MONTREAL, July 14.—Rodolphe Forget has resigned as a member of the executive committee of the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Deputy Sheriff Accidentally Killed

SPOKANE, July 14.—Deputy Sheriff James M. Bennett was instantly killed at Chelan, Wash., this afternoon by the accidental discharge of his revolver. He was stooping over a spring to drink, when the weapon was discharged.

Government road work in the Stewart district is advancing rapidly under Foreman C. L. Cullin. There is now an excellent road to beyond Bitter creek, to a defective boiler.

PEACE RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD PROJECTED

New Transcontinental Line from Hudson's Bay to Stewart will Tap the "Last Great West"

Application has been made at Ottawa, according to the Canada Gazette, for incorporation of a transcontinental railroad, which will make its Pacific ocean port at Stewart at the head of Portland canal. The application is made by the Pacific, Trans-Canada and Hudson Bay Railroad Company for power to construct and operate a railroad from Edmonton, Alberta, to Stewart by way of the Peace river valley with a line running from the railroad in the Peace to Fort Churchill or Port Nelson or the Hudson Bay.

The proposed route is stated in the Canada Gazette as from a point at or near Edmonton, thence northerly by the most feasible route to or near Athabasca Landing; thence northwesterly northeast of Lesser Slave lake to Wabiska or Loon river; thence northerly to a point at or near the junction of the Loon river with the Peace river, at a point at or near the junction of the Peace river with the Red river below Fort Vermillion on the Peace; thence northerly to Fort Smith on the Slave river. From a point on the said railroad near the crossing of the Wabiska or the Loon river easterly to Fort McMurray on the Athabasca river; thence easterly along the Clearwater river and Churchill river through the province of Saskatchewan to Fort Churchill or Port Nelson on the Hudson Bay. Continuing from where this line breaks off at the crossing of the Wabiska or the Loon river the transcontinental line passes through westerly to Peace river crossing the Peace, and thence westerly by way of Laurier pass to Prince Rupert or Stewart on the Portland canal on the Pacific coast.

The All-Red line is also making application for permission to build and operate a railroad in connection with the fast steamship service proposed by the company, this railroad to run between Montreal and a point on the Gulf of St. Lawrence at or near the Straits of Belle Isle.

STEADY INFLUX OF SETTLERS ARRIVING

During the past few months there has been an average of about 400 new settlers landed monthly at Victoria, mostly immigrants from the United Kingdom, come from various parts of Great Britain to find a new home on Vancouver island. A number have gone to points on the E. & N. railroad, especially to new districts being opened up by the recent railway extensions, and some have gone to the Gulf islands, while numbers have been added to the residents of Victoria.

The newcomers are constantly increasing in number. The total number of immigrants landed at the port of Victoria for the past six months was 6,500 in all. This includes all classes, settlers and Orientals. The Chinese have been most numerous. Mr. C. E. McPherson, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., says: "The immigration and tourist influx into British Columbia this year is by far the largest in the history of the C. P. R.

"Tourists are more than ever attracted by the widley-heralded scenic beauties and rare financial opportunities of this part of the great Northwest, and immigrants are coming into British Columbia in larger number than ever before.

"I am particularly impressed with the high type of British immigrants, who are selecting this province as the future field of their labors and small investments, and I can also notice that American farmers are coming into this region more frequently and regularly than heretofore, though this class of immigrants show still a preference for the Prairie provinces.

"While the first six months of this year have shown a most marked increase in tourist traffic, the remander of 1911 promises, if anything, to beat all records. We have already large bookings for Victoria and Vancouver from the National Educational Association of the United States, which is at present holding its annual convention in San Francisco, attended by several thousand persons, and there are other conventions coming along during the fall in various cities on the Pacific coast whose members have signified their desire to visit British Columbia cities. While a large percentage of these people are tourists pure and simple, there are quite a few among them who are men with plenty of ready cash for which they are seeking a profitable market, and I guess that they will find this when they get here."

Government Road Building

The activity now being shown by the provincial government in the building of roads and ferries in this district to accommodate the fast-increasing settlement is a matter for general congratulation. Business men and settlers are doing all possible to aid the road builders and the utmost unanimity prevails as to locations for these public highways. With the rapid increase in land settlement now under way, it cannot be expected that eveyr isolated pre-emptor can have a wagon road to his door, and this fact is appreciated. The government, through its active representatives in the district, can safely be trusted to keep the needs of the settler always to the fore. In the provincial estimates for the current year Fort George fared well in the matter of road appropriations, and all will agree that this money is being spent to the best possible advantage. The Blackwater road, connecting Fort George with the Cariboo road and Ashcroft is, for a considerable portion of the year, the only means of egress and ingress, to the present source of supply at Ashcroft. To make this highway suitable to the demands of heavy transportation, three road gangs are now reducing grades, repairing culverts and otherwise improving the work hurried through last fall in order to have the road open for winter traffic. The wagon road from Fort George to Stoney Creek, along the south bank of the Nechaco river, will also be pushed as far as possible this year. With the gradual approach of railway construction from the west this will be a much-traveled and important highway and a boon to the scores of settlers located in the fertile Nechaco valley.—Fort George Tribune.

POWELL RIVER FIRE

Large Wooden Block Owned by Paper Company Destroyed—Firms Lose Heavily

NANAIMO, July 14.—The most disastrous fire thus far in the new town of Powell River occurred yesterday morning, when fire was discovered in the large wooden block owned by the Powell River Paper Co., and containing the principal business houses of the town. The flames made rapid headway, and despite the efforts of the firemen, who worked hard, the entire block was completely destroyed, with all its contents.

The new Powell River hotel, just across the street, was in danger for a time, but the flames were prevented from spreading and the hotel was saved.

The following firms suffered a total loss: Powell River Paper Co., general store and office: Fay's barber shop, Briggs and McFall's store and pool room, and Dr. Henderson's drug store.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. The watchman passed the building on his rounds about one o'clock but saw no signs of the fire in the buildings. The heaviest losers are Fay, who had no insurance on his barber shop, and Dr. Henderson, whose drug store was also uninsured. Briggs and McFall's pool room and store had some insurance. The loss of the Powell River Paper Co.'s general store will be heavy, as a new stock had just been put in and they had but little insurance.

NEW SURMISES AS TO ELECTION

Latest Prediction Places Date in October, Previous to the Time for Arrival of Duke of Connaught

OTTAWA, July 13.—The opposition press is giving it out that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will force the parliamentary programme with protracted sittings from the start, then, if the opposition to the reciprocity agreement is maintained, in three weeks he will ask for dissolution and proceed with a general election early in October, the object, it is stated being to have the turmoil over by the time the Duke of Connaught arrives on October 15.

RELEASE SYSTEM AT PROVINCIAL JAIL

Safeguards in the Event of Fire Breaking Out Are Being Rapidly Installed.

The provincial department of public works has been advised by the representatives of the Canadian Wire Goods Manufacturing Co., of Hamilton, which firm has the contract for installing the automatically-releasing steel front system on all cell doors at the provincial jail in this city, that this work will be completed on or before the 1st of September next.

It will be remembered that the desirability of this change being made as a guarantee of facilities for the quick release of the prisoners in the event of fire was emphasized in the presentment of the assize grand jury during the recent spring.

Before that sitting of the court, however—indeed during last year—the matter had been taken up by Hon. Mr. Taylor, and a contract awarded, which the eastern firm was working upon when the recommendation was renewed, the work being of special character and necessarily taking some little time. The automatical-release steel fronts are now to be included in the equipment of all provincial jails in British Columbia.

Here in Victoria the other recommendations of Fire Chief Davis and of the grand jury are now carried out, electric light having been substituted for gas as the jail illuminant, and the fire fighting facilities of the institution having been enlarged.

National Home for Elks

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 13.—A per capita tax of 50 cents will be levied on every member of the order of Elks to raise the $250,000 needed for the new national Elks' home at Bedford City, Va., according to action taken by the grand lodge this afternoon. Newport, R. I. lodge No. 104 captured the $500 prize at the competitive drill. It was the only competitor that appeared the other crack drill teams remaining away because of a severe storm.

Revolution in Hayti

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, July 13.—That the revolutionists are gaining ground is the information reaching here. They have occupied Villiere, an important town about 40 miles from Cape Haytien. The government forces sent against the insurgents have been weakened by desertions. A despatch from Cape Haytien says: "The revolutionary movement in the northern section of Hayti is becoming more active and threatening to extend widely. It is not unlikely that the American consul will ask that a warship be sent here for the protection of Americans."

PUBLIC FIGURE PASSES OFF STAGE

Mr. Thomas Earle, Identified Politically and Commercially with Upbuilding of the West, Dies in Victoria

Mr. Thomas Earle, an old time resident of Victoria, who had filled numerous public positions and who was prominent in some of the principal railroad construction undertakings of the new west of his time, died at the family residence, 1461 Fort street, late on Thursday night. Ten years ago the late Mr. Earle retired from a life during which he earned the title of one of the builders of the northwest. Not only in the capital city will his death be learned with grief, but in most every part of the northwest, which boasts of a railroad, for transportation above all was one of the principal occupations of his active career.

Mr. Earle, although not confined to his home, had been ill for several years past with attacks of rheumatism, and while death was a surprise to those on the outside, it had been expected by his near relatives and family. A widow, one son, Walter, and two daughters, Lizzie and Ethel, all of whom live at home, survive.

Mr. Earle was a Canadian, of Irish parentage, and had spent all his life in this country. In 1862 he came to the west and remained here until his death. He was born in Lansdowne township, county of Leeds, Ontario, on the 23rd day of September, 1837, and was just 73 years and 10 months old. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. William Earle, who, in the early part of the last century emigrated from Ireland and settled in western Ontario.

Mr. Earle was educated in his native home, and after gaining a thorough knowledge of mercantile pursuits, opened a general store in the city of Brockville, Ont., which he continued to conduct until his departure for British Columbia. After his arirval, for two years he mined in the gold-seeking days in the Cariboo with no marked success, his scene of operations being solely on Williams' Creek.

In the autumn of 1867 he returned to Victoria, and during 1865 and 1866 he held the position of bookkeeper in the grocery establishment of Messrs. J. Rueffe & Co. In the spring of 1867 he was attracted to the Big Bend region by the gold excitement there and he opened a general store in that district, which he conducted for two years. When the mines gave out, he returned to Victoria, where he entered into partnership with his former employer, Mr. J. Rueffe, in the wholesale grocery A few years later Mr. Rueffe died, and Mr. Earle purchased his interests in the business, which for many years he conducted on Yates street above the present stand of Mr. S. Leiser.

Subsequent to this, Mr. Earle became interested in railroad construction work, and in this he figured most prominently not only in British Columbia, but in the states of Oregon and Washington. When the charter for the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway was given, Mr. Earle, in conjunction with Mr. McLellan, took a contract for the construction of twenty miles of the road and on this they expended over a million dollars. On the completion of the contract, Mr. Earle with Mr. J. W. McLeod, was continuously engaged on railway contract work in the Puget Sound district, and assisted in the construction of most of the railway lines in Oregon and Washington. He was at one time interested in the West Shore railroad, which connected at that time with the C. P. R.

In the flotation of such enterprises as the Esquimalt Waterworks, the Vancouver Waterworks Company and the Alert Bay Canning Co., Mr. Earle was most prominent, and he held a number of quartz mines in the Selkirk range.

For sixteen years, supporting the Conservative policy, along with Col. E. G. Prior, he represented Victoria in the House of Commons at Ottawa. At the by-election of 1889 he was elected by acclamation to the House of Commons, and was elected at the succeeding elections of 1891 and 1896. In 1900 he lost his seat, and one year later retired from active participation in politics.

In January, 1875, he married Miss Lizzie Mason, of this city. He was an adherent of the Methodist faith.

Career as Public Man

The late Mr. Earle was for many years an active and leading figure in all that concerned Victoria and its commercial and civic interests, serving efficiently and loyally on various public bodies, and taking an exceedingly active part in the business of the board of trade, in addition to energetically championing Victoria's cause as representative of the constituency at Ottawa. As a public man he had the rare faculty of going straight to the points at issue, and his concise and keen analysis of all proposals obtaining public consideration carried weight invariably, and tended materially to their satisfactory solution.

On the platform Mr. Earle was a quiet, somewhat ponderous speaker—until aroused by interruption or captious criticism. This was the spur required to put him in fighting form, and once challenged by interruption from the audience, it was his wont to come to the very edge of stage or platform, and plunge with enthusiastic and convincing spirit into his subject. And rarely did he fail in sweeping aside all opposition when he talked thus.

As a citizen and as a friend, he was large-minded, open-handed, generous and charitable. His generosity was in fact too frequently imposed upon, and his assumption of the financial burdens of friends, even to an extent beyond his resources, contributed in large measure to business reverses precipitated by the intrusion of dull times, which darkened his later life, and left him upon the breaking of the commercial clouds a broken and discouraged man.

Balloon Race

KANSAS CITY, July 11.—Although official figures are lacking it is the belief here tonight that the St. Louis IV. and the Million Population Club are the winning balloons in the elimination race that started from here yesterday. The flight of the Million Population Club is roughly estimated at 485 miles; of the St. Louis IV. at 525 miles and of the Miss Sofia 445 miles.

Breakers Indicate Rock

Mr. O. M. Emblem, of Seattle, Washington, has reported to the marine and fisheries department, that he observed breakers northwestward of Bremner island, Queen Charlotte sound, presumably covering a rock with 5 to 6 fathoms over it, as the breaking was not constant. Approximate position: Lat. N, 51 deg. 6 min. 45 secs; long. W, 127 deg. 43 min. 15 secs.

Reduction in Rates.

SEATTLE, July 13.—The Great Northern railroad announced today a permanent reduction in freight tariffs on all grain shipments from points in Central and Eastern Washington to Puget sound terminals. The reduction is from one-half a cent to two cents a hundred pounds. The new rates become effective August 15 when the grain in Central Washington will start moving.

Fire Department Scandal

VANCOUVER, July 13.—Grave charges of misconduct in one of the fire halls of the Vancouver fire department formed recently the subject of a civic inquiry, at which the conduct of Fire Chief Carlisle and some of his subordinates was arraigned by Alderman Stevens. After a full investigation the committee reported that they were confident that disgraceful scenes had taken place in No. 5 fire hall, and they recommended that the guilty men be dismissed from the service of the department. The committee exonerated the fire chief, stating it had been proved that he was not cognizant of the prevailing state of affairs. Other minor charges as to the working of the department were held to be not proven or trifling.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN CONVENTION HERE

Reports Presented at Opening Session of First Western Canadian Conference Illustrate Progress

From the many reports presented at the opening session of the first western Canadian conference of the Society of Friends held yesterday at Burleith in this city, it was shown that the movement is fast growing in the west. Stirring addresses were delivered by Messrs. Harry Perry, who took the chair in the absence of Superintendent W. I. Moore, J. Edgar Williams of Seattle, J. B. Worton, Oregon; J. C. Kingzett, Madagascar; E. Munnings, Vancouver, and Robert E. Clark, W. Coleforth and A. Hinder of this city, which told of the advancement and future possibilities of the strong eastern society in the west. Reports were read from all Canadian and American places of importance from Toronto to Victoria, including Hartney, Manitoba, where the last conference was held. Also from Moresby island and Fraser river valley.

In the afternoon, Mr. A. Hinder delivered a very illuminating address of the educational needs of the west. Mr. Hinder said that education required not only the teachings of children their letters, but providing them with an equipment which would enable the young to go out to face the world with a moral backbone, a resolution to do right, no matter what comes of it and to carry in ones demeanor that trait of character which is bound to react on others. Chamming a child with too many subjects had a very different effect. It was a reproach on the secondary educational system of Great Britain, that boys and girls were turned out, many of whom were totally unfitted to compete in the world's race for want of better educational training. Students were giving one mass of subjects to get through. Shortly after leaving school it became evident that there was something sadly lacking in the educational equipment. From personal experience in commercial life, Mr. Hinder said he made these utterances. He continued to state that all knew that Quakerism stood for a sound education and to this he attributed the reason for the important positions held today by friends. In Great Britain, as well as in eastern Canada, the United States, Tasmania and other countries, a great educational work was being done in the Friends' schools. In conclusion, Mr. Hinder made a plea for a Friends' school in Victoria, he being convinced that the product of the public schools of the province were not what they should be.

Fires in Maine Forests.

BOSTON, July 13.—Fires in the heavily wooded sections of Maine and New Hampshire were still burning steadily tonight, adding to the loss already sustained, which amounts to hundreds of thousands of dollars, but the villages which were threatened today are now believed to be out of danger. Tonight the fires were still causing havoc in the Moosehead Lake timber district in Maine and in the vicinity of Concord, N. H. Reports from other burning areas tonight were more assuring. Lumber losses aggregate $250,000.

"If we send him abroad to another coronation," Mr. Henry said, "I suppose he would nudge the queen."

"Do you know why Dr. Hill is to leave Berlin?" asked Mr. Henry. "It's to make way for John Hays Hammond, because Mr. Hill is a poor man and cannot live in great splendor."

WEEK'S DOINGS IN REALTY MARKET

Brisk Demand for Business Property Continues Unabated—Number of Interesting Sales Put Through

The warm weather of the past week had no appreciable effect upon the steadiness of the real estate market. Deals aggregating many thousands of dollars have been put through by local firms since the first of the week and others of considerable importance are now in process of consummation.

Undoubtedly the feature of the week—as it was the feature of local real estate history—was the completion of the sale of Uplands farm, involving the payment of upwards of $1,500,000. This great turn-over was brought to a successful conclusion on Thursday last when Mr. Georges Barbey, of Paris, representing the purchasing syndicate arrived in Victoria and completed the deal, Mr. D. M. Rogers, of Rogers & Co., Ltd., Victoria and Mr. E. Francis, of Vancouver, acting for the syndicate buying the property and Mr. Andrew Wright for the vendors, himself and Messrs. Oldfield, Kirby & Gardner, of Winnipeg. Following the announcement in the Colonist of the sale of this property—some 465 acres of excellent land—there was considerable activity in the vicinity of the Uplands, in the Cadboro Bay district, and many sales were put through some of them involving the expenditure of large sums.

Apart from the Uplands farm deal and the ensuing activity in Cadboro Bay property perhaps the greatest movement during the week was on Hillside avenue, where rumors of a street car line served to arouse a brisk demand for good business sites. Much property on this avenue and vicinity changed hands during the week and values were enhanced steadily.

Inquiry was good for property of all classes and although it is natural to expect a dullness in the realty market during the months just at hand there is as yet no sign of an abatement of interest. Many good deals were put through during the past week in various parts of the city. These affected the business districts almost wholly, but apart from these there was greater activity than ever in the residential areas. A feature of the latter trading was the number of re-sales made in many of the new subdivisions.

Sales Recorded.

Fifty feet frontage on Douglas street, between Princess avenue and Queen's avenue, was sold for about $25,000 through Grant & Lineham.

A lot 36 x 120 on Pandora, south of Cook, went for over $10,000, sold through the same firm.

Grant & Lineham also put through the sale of four lots in Golf Links Park and eight lots in the Fairfield Estate for an aggregate of $10,000.

A lot opposite St. Barnabas church, Cook street and Caledonia avenue, sold for $15,000.

Sixty feet on the north side of Herald street, near the corner of Douglas, brought $35,000.

A double lot running from Fort to View street, just east of Cook, went for $25,000.

A lot on Yates street, 60 x 120, near Quadra, has been sold through L. W. Bick's firm for $29,000. It was formerly owned by Dr. Loenholm.

The same firm put through the sale of a piece of acreage on Gorge road with waterfrontage for $25,000.

Sixty feet on Yates street, between Vancouver and Cook street sold for $23,000.

Sixty feet on lower Fort street brought $28,500, between Quadra and Vancouver.

Forty-five feet on Douglas street, near the fountain, sold for $20,000.

Two lots on Hillside avenue, near Douglas, brought $16,000.

A large lot on Douglas street near the fountain went for $25,000.

The preceding five sales were made through Green & Burdick, and the same firm also sold $30,000 worth of Deal Height lots during the last fortnight.

The northwest corner of Douglas street and Garbally road, with 90 feet frontage on Douglas, has changed hands again for the second time in a few weeks. The new price was a substantial advance on the former price of $150 a foot.

Fifty-two acres of land at Cadboro Bay immediately adjoining the Uplands Farm, have been bought by the interests identified with the recent purchase of the latter acreage for a figure in the neighborhood of $80,000. The vendor was the Island Investment Company.

Nationalist Whip Finds Seat

LONDON, July 14.—Anthony J. C. Donelan, the Nationalist whip, who was unseated by the courts, was today elected unopposed for the East Division of Wicklow, Ireland, in succession to J. Muldoon, Nationalist, who retired to make a vacancy for Donelan. The latter defeated William O'Brien in the East Division of Cork county in the last general election, but lost his seat because of the illegal acts of his political agents.

Horse Versus Auto

PORTLAND, July 14.—W. G. Grant of New York city, is here mapping out a route and plans for a race across the continent between an automibile and relays of coaching horses. Five thousand dollars, subscribed by wealthy eastern horse fanciers, hinges on this novel speed contest. Grant is confident the horses will win. The course laid out is from New York City to San Francisco. If the animals arrive at their destination in good condition the drive will be continued to Portland and Seattle. Grant plans to utilize 100 horses in relays of from 20 to 30 miles apart. As soon as one four has been driven its allotted distance it will be rested and shipped ahead to be hooked on two days later.