Victoria Makes Fast Passage

Northern Pacific Liner's Good Run From Yokohama to This Port.

Columbia May Be Sold as She Now Lies in Esquimalt Harbor.

Steamer Victoria, of the Northern Pacific line, which arrived at the ocean docks yesterday from the Orient, made a very fast passage. The Northern Pacific liner was 12 days 8 hours in making the run from Yokohama to Victoria. She left two days later than the Aki Maru, which arrived the previous evening. The steamer had an uneventful passage, moderate weather being encountered throughout. The passengers included two Japanese in the saloon and 98 Chinese, of whom 73 debarked at this port, as well as 12 Japanese. There were 25 Chinese and five Japanese for Tacoma and points beyond. The cargo included 1,400 tons of through freight, including a heavy shipment of silk goods, tea, rice, matting, etc. The local cargo amounted to 350 tons, and after landing this the steamer will proceed this morning to Tacoma.

As a result of the recent proposed increase to the poll tax, on incoming Chinese, the steamers now leaving Hongkong will bring numbers of the Celestials. The steamer Indrasamha of the Portland and Asiatic line, which is running to Portland from the Orient, has been placed on the run to Victoria with the other liners to carry the Chinese passengers. The sole reason of the despatch of the big Portland liner to this port—she left Yokohama on Sunday for this port—is to carry the coolies who are seeking passage.

There are now quite a fleet of vessels en route to Victoria. The steamer Athenian left two days after the Victoria, and is due on Friday. The steamer Lyra left on Thursday last. The steamer Shinano Maru, left on Tuesday, and is due on the 20th. The China Mutual liner Oanfa is about to leave Yokohama, being due about the 23rd. The steamer Miowera, of the Canadian-Australian line, which is due here next Wednesday, left Honolulu yesterday for this port.

THE AKI MARU.

Details Regarding the New Liner of N. Y. K. Line.

The steamer Aki Maru of the N. Y. K. line, left for the Sound yesterday morning after discharging her local cargo. She is a twin-screw steel steamer, having two masts, with a length between perpendiculars of 445 ft.; breadth moulded, 49 ft. 2 in.; depth moulded, 33 ft. 6 in.; load draft, 26 ft.; gross tonnage, 5,444 tons; net tonage, 3,995 tons; dead weight capacity, 7,540 tons; cargo capacity (measurement), 7,338 tons; accommodations, 50 cabin passengers, 20 intermediate passengers, 172 steerage passengers. She carries a crew of 115 (inclusive of captain.) Her engines are tri-compound condensing; she has four cylindrical boilers, working up to an indicated horse power of 5,250, with a maximum speed of 15.36 knots. This steamer was built in accordance with the Imperial Japanese government's shipbuilding regulations for superior craft and registered at British Lloyd's 100, A-1, modelled on the modern principle, coupled with every convenience necessary for a first class ship. She is lighted throughout by electric light, and provided with refrigerating machinery as well as spacious ice chambers for preserving food during long voyages. The Aki Maru has mechanical ventilators for purifying the air; steam heaters for warming in winter, and electric fans for cooling in summer ;in brief, is provided with every requisite necessary for the comfort and safety of passengers. She is also provided with a powerful winch, capable of raising and lowering with ease heavy cargo up to 30 tons.

THE COLUMBIA.

Will Probably Be Sold as She Lies at Esquimalt—The De Couedic.

It is not unlikely that the German ship Columbia, which is lying at Esquimalt in such a wrecked condition, her decks littered with wreckage, the iron scarred and dented by the buffeting she received, will be sold at auction to the highest bidder. The vessel is practically a constructive wreck. After having floated the steamer, through the local agent, Mr. J. H. Greer, the steam-Norman Isles proceeded on her voyage to Dalny yesterday morning. The Columbia, which is a large carrier, was formerly known as the British ship Lord Wolsely. Her charter to load at Chemainus will in all probability be cancelled, and another vessel secured to carry the cargo which she was to have taken.

The French bark De Couedic is practically given up as lost, for today Lloyd's offered 80 per cent. to re-insure her. She is out 104 days from San Francisco for Sydney. It is possible that she may have been dismantled, as was the Columbia, and may be drifting around the South seas. When the English underwriters offer 80 per cent. on an overdue vessel the shipping world usually gives her up as gone. Eighty per cent. re-insurance is also being offered on the Prince George, 54 days out from Darien, Ga., for Swansea, Wales.

The big Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Iyo Maru carried $500,000 worth to the larger cities of Japan and China. Her cargo includes cotton sheeting, valued at $229,236; 16,538 barrels of flour, 228,250 pounds of cotton, 28,907 pounds of cigarettes, a consignment of bar silver and several hundred tons of general merchandise.

The Globe Navigation Company will at an early date buy or build a 5,000-ton steamship for the Seattle-Hawaiian Island run. The vessel is to be both a freight and passenger carrier. Especial attention will be paid to speed, the management undertaking to provide a vessel that will make as good if not better time than anything now on the San Francisco-Honolulu run.

MEN AND THINGS.

Rev. Charles M. Winchester of Middletown, N. Y., declares that a minister can live on $12 a month if he lives alone, and still have some money left for the church. He says he does.

Sir Ernest Cassel has donated $200,000 toward ophthalmic research in Egypt, the object of which is the training of native doctors in the treatment of ophthalmic diseases among the poor of Egypt.

James McNeill Whistler, the American artist, will receive the degree of doctor of laws at the forthcoming Glasgow university graduation ceremony. The degree will be conferred in absentia, as, owing to the state of Mr. Whistler's health, he will be unable to be present.

Edwin S. Robbins, a manufacturer and business man, who has manifold interests to demand his attention, at his home in Greystone, Conn., spends every Sunday evening of his life in addressing religious gatherings in the particular city where his business pursuits take him.

Senator Ben Tillman resents in vigorous language the statement in a recent interview that he is accustomed to using the expression "By ged, sah." Quoth the senator: "I never used such an expression in my life. When I want to use an expletive I use the real thing. No namby pamby lugs about me.'

M. M. Stephens, who has been mayor of East St. Louis for eight consecutive terms, has just received the unanimous nomination of the citizens' party for a ninth term in that office. When he assumed the functions of his office in 1887 the city had but 14,000 inhabitants; now the census gives it 45,000.

PRESS COMMENT.

The Seattle grand jury is of opinion that city government there would not suffer an irreparable shock if Mayor Humes resigned, the chief of police threw up his job, and a majority of the city council retired to private life. Evidently the grand jury has a poor opinion of Seattle's public officials, and doubtless the condemned officials have little use for the grand jury.—Spokesman-Review.

Mr. Monk has taken up the task laid down by Judge Fortin—that of providing the Dominion with a uniform insolvency law. There are few gaps in our business machinery more injurious than just this lack. Any one who imagines that it does not concern him, is mistaken, unless he never buys anything nor does any business in the country. The mechanic who gets a suit of clothes at his tailor's, is out of pocket because we have no insolvency law.—Montreal Star.

The nation's drink bill affords no support to the idea that beer displaces whisky. Since 1897 the per capita consumption of beer has increased from 14.04 to 17.49 gallons, but in the same period the per capita consumption of spirits has increased from 1.02 to 1.36 gallons. But the latter is less than it was in 1892 and 1893. In volume the consumption of coffee exceeds that of beer; in value the consumption of coffee, tea and cocoa is only one-sixth that of the alcoholic drinks. Coffee is cheap and a formidable competitor of beer.—Philadelphia Record.

Another case of plague has been found in San Francisco; and as in all of the preceding cases, the determination of the fact that it really was a case of plague came only as the result of the post mortem examination. It is a startling fact, in considering the plague situation in San Francisco, that the only cases of plague which have ever been officially reported are cases wherein death has ensued. It is significant that there has never been an official report of a single case which was diagnosed as plague in advance of death, and wherein the patient was isolated and proper precautions were taken to prevent the spread of the disease.—Seattle P.-I.

Race Meet At Colwood

An Excellent Programme Prepared for Easter Monday's Big Event.

The Entries Exceptionally Large The Programme in Full.

There is an exceptionally large list of entries for the Victoria Hunt Club meet at Colwood park on Easter Monday, and, as the entire programee is an exceptionally good one, the event promises to excel all former ones in importance and success. If the clerk of the weather only favors the gathering with good climatic conditions, a very enjoyable time is assured the hundreds who will be in attendance. The fifth Regiment band will be on hand during the afternoon and render a special programme of music. A special train service has been arranged for, a train leaving the E. & N. depot at 1:45 p. m. and returning will leave Colwood after the finish of the last race. The programme in full is as follows:

Hatley Park Plate.

1st Race, 2:15.—A steeplechase for horses, the bona fide property at the time of entry of member of the V. H. C. Any member of the club or rider licensed by the committee, entitled to ride. Weight 156 lbs. Licensed rider to carry a 7-lb. penalty. Distance about 2½ miles; winner to hold the trophy presented by Mr. Stuart, for one year, in addition to receiving a cup. Entrance fee $2.50. Cup presented by officers Work Point Barracks.

1. Mr. C. E. Pooley's bay g. Apollo, aged. Light blue sash and cap. Lt. Calthrop, R. N., rider.

2. Lt. Blandy's bay m. Jezebel, aged. Dark green, light blue sash and sap.

3. Mr. T. P. Patton's ch. g. Thunder, aged. Old rose and Nile green. Owner rider.

The Club Handicap.

2nd Race, 2:45—A steeplechase for horses the bona fide property of members of the Victoria Hunt Club, entitled to be members of the club or licensed by the committee. Weights not under 150 lbs. Distance about two miles. Entrance fee $2.50. Prize, a cup.

1. Mr. J. M. Bradburn's bay g. Sugarloaf aged. Scarlet, green sleeves and cap. Mr. L. H. Garnett, rider.

2. Lt. French's bay g. Rufus, aged. Light blue, dark blue sash and cap. Lt. Calthrop, R. N., rider.

3. Lt. Cameron's grey g. Pharoah, aged. white and yellow, yellow cap, black sash. Owner, rider.

Hunt Club Cup.

3rd Race, 3:15.—An open flat race for horses. Weight 140 lbs. Distance about one mile. Four starters or no race. Prize a cup, to be won outright, second horse saves entrance fee. Entrance fee $2.50.

1. Mr. Drake's ch. g. Grey Friar, 5 years. Cerise and black. Lt. Calthrop, R. N., rider.

2. Mr. Simon's ch. m. Montana Maid, aged. Royal blue and cardinal. Owner, rider.

3. Lt. Blandy's bay m. Jezebel, aged. Dark green, light blue sash and cap.

4. Mr. Taylor's ch. g. Dr. Maclean, 6 years. Yellow, black hoops, yellow and black cap.

5. Mr. T. P. Patton's ch. g. Thunder, aged. Old rose and Nile green. Owner, rider.

Pony Race.

4th Race, 3:45.—An open pony race (distance handicap, one mile for scratch ponies.) Catchweights. Entrance fee, $2. Prize, a cup presented by Capt. Casement, R. N., and the officers of H. M. S. Amphion.

1. Lt. Moore's cream g. Jacob, aged. Eton blue, primrose sleeves and cap.

2. Capt. Casement's black g. Blackie, aged. Light blue, dark blue sash and cap.

3. Lt. Elliott's bay m. Daisy, aged. Scarlet, dark blue sleeves and cap.

4. Capt. Casement's bay g. Brownie, aged.

5. Lt. Blandy's ch. m. Chubby, aged. Dark green, light blue sleeves and cap.

6. Mr. Johnston's b. w. g. Irish Laddy, aged. Light blue, dark blue sash and cap.

7. Mr. T. P. Patton's b. m. Mary Anderson, aged. Old rose and Nile green.

8. Mr. Langworthy's br. g. Frank L., aged. Blue, pink sleeves and sash, blue cap.

9. Mr. Williams' bay m. Reona, aged, Navy blue and gold.

10. Mr. A. C. Holland's ch. g. Punch, aged. Scarlet, green sleeves and cap. Mr. L. H. Garnett, rider.

Tandem Race.

5th Race, 4:15.—Open tandem race, once round flat course, drive one, ride the other, catchweights. Entrance fee $2.00. Prize, a flask. Post entries to clerk of the scales.

Farmers' Race.

6th Race, 4:45.—A flat race of about one mile for horses bred in B. C., the bona fide property of farmers who are not members of V. H. C. Riders must be bona fide farmers, their sons or members V. H. C. Catchweights. Former winners barred. Post entries to clerk of the scales. Five starters or no race. 1st prize, $12.50; 2nd prize, $2.50.

ARTILLERY QUELLS RIOT.

Berlin, April 8.—A despatch from St. Petersburg, dated yesterday, says thirty persons have been killed and that one hundred were injured during the labor disturbances near Nishni-Novgorod.

The disturbance occurred at a large factory near Nishni-Novgorod. As the local authorities were unable to restore order, the troops were called out and artillery was brought up. The latter was fired point blank into the midst of the rioters, killing thirty men and wounding a hundred.

PRESTON ON EMIGRANTS.

Ontario Machine Man Defends Government's Actions Towards Colonists.

London, April 8.—W. T. R. Preston, Canadian immigration commissioner, in a letter to the press denies that the Canadian government was unable to handle the rush of emigrants to Manitoba and the Northwest.

Prompt relief in sick headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, pain in the side, guaranteed to those using Carter's Little Liver Pills. One a dose. Small price. Small dose. Small pill.

SMALL HOLDINGS BILL DARING

Well Considered and Advanced Legislation to Secure Settlement.

Some of the Salient Features of Bill to Meet Province's Distinct Conditions.

Undoubtedly one of the most important and most advanced pieces of legislation that has yet been presented in British Columbia to solve the problem of agricultural settlement, was that introduced by the Finance Minister, and which was given its initial reading yesterday, entitled the Small Holdings Act. It has long been apparent that something must be done to secure the settlement of the country by the right class of settlers, and immediate action becomes imperative.

The measure that has been offered to the Legislature may be said to possess in an unusually high degree the merit of originality. It is designed to meet the special and peculiar conditions of this particular province, and while it is unquestionably largely experimental in its scope, and grants wide discretionary powers to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the House is asked to accept it as an honest effort in the working out of the best possible future of the country.

There are large and undeveloped holdings in the province which it has been ascertained can be obtained at reasonable cost; and by the division of these into holdings of size to suit the necessities and purses of the purchasers, the government hopes to provide for 10,000 families ere the working out of the plan has been completed.

Of course there may be faults found in the practical testing of the means suggested to meet a present, far from prospective, demand, but these must be corrected as experience brings them into prominence.

Briefly summarized the provisions of this important measure may be thus outlined:

It is proposed that the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council shall have power to create a board of land commissioners consisting of a government official, a practical land surveyor and one other, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

It is proposed to authorize this board of land commissioners where 500 acres or more land is privately held and which can be obtained at a reasonable market value for the purpose of sub-dividing into land holdings, to issue land bonds not to exceed $50 per acre, payable in twenty-five years and bearing interest not exceeding four per cent.

It is proposed that as soon as a sufficient number of applications have been received for the purchase of the land upon the terms to be indicated, the board of land commissioners should have power to purchase such tract or tracts of land, the land-owners to accept bonds at par in payment thereof, the bonds guaranteed by the government and bear 4 per cent interest.

The size of holdings not to exceed, except in special cases, 160 acres, or be less than 10 acres in size, according to the character of the land and conditions, and determined by the board of land commissioners.

It is provided that the purchasers pay down at least 10 per cent of the valuation of such lands in order to tie them to the soil, and that the remainder be paid in equal annual instalments extending over twenty-five years, interest to be five per cent; but provision to be made for the payment by the owner of such holding to pay at any time any or all sums in excess of the amount then due on the land.

The land commissioners to be paid according to the services rendered under a schedule approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the same to form a charge upon the land. Roads and drains, clearing, fencing, irrigation, etc., adjudged to be of special benefit and necessary to the improvement of the land, under restrictions imposed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to be provided for and charged to the land pro rata according to the decision of the land board.

In a similar manner the government to be empowered to set apart available blocks of government lands for settlement and sub-division not less than a thousand acres for which they may issue bonds not exceeding in the aggregate fifty dollars per acre.

The government to be empowered under regulations and through the board of land commissioners to clear, drain, irrigate, road and otherwise improve the land on any holding to a reasonable extent, the cost of the same to be chargeable to the land.

And to have the power through the land commissioners to negotiate with all holders of dyked lands, municipalities, land companies or corporations for the acquirement of such lands in quantities not less than 50 acres in the aggregate in each case, and to clear, drain, road or otherwise improve such land to the extent of not more than one-tenth of its value.

All expenditures except the salaries of government agents or other government officials as approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for the purchase or improvement of lands apportioned, to be made a charge against the land and to form part of the purchase consideration in each case.

Owners of holdings so assessed to have right of appeal to a court of revision as already provided for in the Statutes, and a final appeal to lie to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, his decision to be final.

It is to be the duty of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to have plans made of each tract of land so acquired, showing extent, character of land, etc. etc.

The board of land commissioners to act independently under the provisions of the Act and regulations to be framed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, their term of office to last for three years, but the transfer of lands en bloc, the price to be subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

It is proposed that the mode of acquiring lands in the first place should be to obtain from a land-owner willing to sell, an agreement for six months at a price to be fixed by the land commissioner after valuation, which agreement will form an option on such land. Applications then to be received from settlers, and as soon as a sufficient number have been received, accompanied by a deposit as a guarantee of bona fide land bonds to be authorized and a transfer effected.

The two essential and fundamental important sections of the bill are found numbered 5 and 14, and read as follows:

"5. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the board may cause complete and efficient surveys of and reports respecting any Crown lands to be made by competent persons, with a view to ascertaining the pastoral, agricultural, timber and other resources of such lands, and their suitability for sale in small holdings under the provisions of this Act, or for other purposes, as may from time to time be required."

"14. Any tract or parcel of land set aside for sale may be divided into small holdings of such size or sizes as the board shall appoint, provided that no small holding shall be less than ten or more than one hundred and sixty acres in extent. Subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, the board may clear, drain, build roads, construct irrigation works, fence, build upon and make any other permanent improvements in or upon any such tract or parcel of land, and charge the cost of such improvements pro rata against the selling price of any small holding affected thereby."

RISIBILITIES.

"Oh, Miss Gwace, I have a bwan new conundwum—one I made meself. It's jolly good; I'm sure you cawn't guess it. Why is this penny I hold in me hand like a messenger from Jupiter?"

"I fear I must give it up."

"Haw-haw! I knew you would. Because it's one cent, By Jove."—Kansas City Journal.

De Style—What did that polite man do after they got him strapped into the electric chair?

Gunbusta—He wanted to get up and offer a lady his seat.—New York Sun.

The philosophical man—It is curious how liquor will make a man have so good an opinion of himself.

Matter of Fact Man—Nothing curious about it; it makes a man rate himself at his full value, that's all.—New York Sun.

Impecune—Have you any idea what your father would say if I asked to marry you?

Miss Rocksey—No, George. Papa never uses that kind of language before me.—New York Sun.

"I wonder why the name pleslosauros was applied to that animal?"

"Probably for the purpose of being consistent and making the name as hard to spell as the beast is to describe."—Washington Star.

Grace—Do you not admit that a woman is the best judge of another woman's character?

Gwendolyn—Yes, a good judge; but a better executioner.—Smart Set.

RETAIL MARKETS

There is practically no change in the retail markets this week. Lots of California new peas and asparagus; also California butter, are coming on the market.

Wheat, per ton	$36
Corn, whole, per ton	$30
Corn, cracked	$32
Oats, per ton	$26
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Rolled oats, B. & K., per lb	4
Rolled oats, B. & K. per 7-lb sack	35
Flour—	
Hungarian	$1.35
Pastry	$1.25
Feed—	
Hay, baled, per ton	$13
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	$26
Bran, per ton	$23
Ground feed, per ton	$26
Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per lb	2 to 3
Cauliflower, per head	15
Onions, per lb	3
Carrots, per lb	1½@ 3
Beet roots, per lb	3
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	75c to $1.00
Sweet potatoes, per lb	5
Celery	10 to 15
Turnips, per lb.	1½@ 3
Artichokes, per lb	2
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	25
Eastern eggs, per dozen	20
Cheese—	
California cheese	23
Canadian, per lb	20 to 25
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb	25@30
Best dairy, per lb	20 to 25
Victoria creamery, per lb	35
Cowichan creamery, per lb	35
Fresh Island butter	30 to 35
Fruits—	
Cocoanuts, each	10@15
Lemons, California, per doz.	25
Lemons, small, per doz.	20@25
Island apples, XX $1.20, XXX	$1.75
Vernon apples	$1 to $2
California figs (black), 4 lbs	25
California figs (white), 3 lbs	25
California figs, new crop, 1 lb.	10
Currants, per lb	10 to 12½
Raisins, per lb	12½
Sultanas	17½
California	12½
Loose Muscats	8 to 10
Mixed peel, per lb	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowls, each	50 to 75
Wild fowls, per pair	60
Fish—	
Smoked salmon, per lb	15
Spring salmon, per lb	10
Cod, per lb	6
Halibut, per lb	8
Smoked halibut	10
Halibut, frozen	6
Flounders	6
Oolichans, per lb	8
Herrings, per lb	4
Crabs, per dozen	50 to 75
Bloaters	10
Kippers	12½
Salt mackerel, each	15
Salt cod, per lb	10
Salt tongues and sounds, per lb.	20
Salt Holland herring, per keg	$1.50
Salt salmon, each	25
Salmon bellies, per lb	12½
Meats—	
Beef	10 to 18
Mutton, per lb	12½ to 18
Veal	12½ to 20
Pork	11 to 18
Lipton's bacon	22
Lipton's ham	22
Hams, American, per lb.	22
Bacon, American, per lb	22
Bacon, rolled	16
Bacon, long clear	18
Lard, per lb.	20

Troubles of The Chinaman

Intended Increase in Poll-Tax Will Cause Influx to Canada.

Rich Chinese Are Robbed by Corrupt Officials When They Return.

The way of the Cantonese is becoming hard of a surety. The Cantonese is the Chinese who for centuries had been noted for having more enterprise and progression than the men of the other provinces of the middle kingdom and thousands have come from their home province to other countries to seek wealth. Some have found it. The Dominion government is about to increase the head tax on the Chinaman from $100 to $500, and placards are now posted in Hongkong and Canton—according to advices received by the steamer Victoria—warning Chinese of this fact. As a result it is expected that there will be quite an influx of Chinese struggling to get into the country before the poll-tax is increased, and there are some rumors that Chinese organizations on this continent are sending large drafts home to Hongkong to assist those wishing to emigrate in the interim period before the increase is made. Whether this is true or not, it is a fact that extra steamers are being placed on the run to Victoria from Oriental ports to accommodate the increased passenger travel on account of the proposed increase, one of the additional steamers being the big steamer Indrasamha of the Portland and Asiatic line which left Yokohama on Sunday for this port.

So much for the troubles of the migrating Chinese—and it is only the Cantonese who emigrate—in tye lands over the seas. At home in their home provinces the rich men who return with fortunes accumulated over seas have trouble with grasping officials who endeavored to "black and "squeeze" them when they return home.

Stage Service to Lake.—The usual stage service during the summer months from Duncans to Cowichan lake has been inaugurated. The stage will leave Duncans every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after arrival of the E. & N. train from Victoria. Through tickets from Victoria are now on sale good for 15 days from date of issue at the usual rate.

At a Ripe Age.—Joseph C. Huckins, aged 75 years, and a native of Whitby, Ontario, died last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, the Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., Alfred street. The funeral is arranged for tomorrow at 2 p.m., from the above residence. The Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Fraser will conduct the services.

Advance in Coal.—Local coal dealers have advanced the price of black diamond.

Of Interest To Farmers.—Hon. C. H. Smith, of Minnesota, is delivering a series of interesting addresses to farmers. Today he will address a meeting at Richmond on "Home-making." Tomorrow he speaks at Steveston on "The Stabling and Care of Dairy Cows." Mr. Smith, who is an able and forceful speaker, will also deliver addresses at points on Vancouver Island.

Hospital Matters.—Nothing definite was agreed upon at the conference yesterday morning between the Mayor and Aldermen, and a committee from the Board of Directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital respecting the desirability of the latter body assuming jurisdiction over the isolation hospital. The hospital committee will report to the next regular meeting of the directors. There is every likelihood of the arrangement desired being made.

Blacksmiths' Strike.—The situation affecting the blacksmiths' strike is unchanged. The executive of the Trades and Labor council brought before the notice of the master blacksmiths the concessions offered by the union, which were that the men would return to work at prices offered by employing blacksmiths till the 4th of May—the new scale to take effect after that date. The men who returned to work at Mr. Hay's shop went back as union men at union wages.

Poultry Show.—At a meeting of the Vancouver Poultry Association, it was decided to communicate with fanciers of this city and Nanaimo, and see if a circuit could not be arranged, so that a first-class judge could be secured at a smaller cost. The secretary was also instructed to communicate with several well known judges to see if they could act at the local show, which it is proposed to hold during the second week in January.

Carpenters At Work Again

The Terminal City Workers leave Increase of pay to Arbitration.

Branch of Provincial Miners Association elect officers and Executive.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, April 8.—The Vancouver branch of the Provincial Miners' Association met tonight and elected C. D. Rand, president, J. Woodside, vice-president, and the following executive: Dr. Reynolds, publisher of the Ledger; Geo. Turner, T. J. Smith, E. P. Gillman, A. St. G. Hamersley, C. Sweeney, W. D. Haywood, Dr. Carroll, A. Hirschfeld, W. K. Robertson, H. T. Lockyer and Wm. Godfrey.

The carpenters' strike has been declared off, the men going back to work tomorrow. The difference between the builders and carpenters as to whether the minimum was to be $3.00 or $3.20 a day is to be submitted to arbitration.

THE TRUSTEES IN SESSION

Little Beyond Routine Business Transacted at Regular Monthly Meeting.

Chairman Drury presided at yesterday evening's regular monthly meeting of the School Board, and there were present also Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Hall, Huggett, Matson, Jay and Boggs.

Janitor R. W. Margaie forwarded a request for more pay, as his duties were onerous. Trustee Matson moved that he be given an increase of $5 per month. It was referred to the buildings and grounds committee.

The janitor of the Rock Bay school forwarded a letter of the same tenor. He would leave next month unless his pay was raised. He will be informed that his services will not be required after May 1st.

Miss Cameron asked for certain small necessities for the South Park school. Referred to the buildings and grounds committee.

Miss Cameron also wrote notifying the board of her intention to go to Revelstoke to attend the teachers' convention, and asked that arrangements be made for a substitute teacher during her absence. Miss Watson and Miss Lawson also wrote to the same effect. Permission was granted on condition that substitutes be provided by the teachers getting leave of absence.

Henry Carlow asked to be remunerated for his work in preparing plans for the improvement to the grounds of the High School. Referred to the buildings and grounds committee.

George Phillips, on behalf of the management of the Cycle of Musical Festivals, asked for the use of a number of chairs on the occasion of the holding of concerts in the Drill hall. Granted.

Principal Paul, of the High School, wrote as follows:

COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

F. H. Eaton, Esq., Secretary Board of Governors, Victoria College.

Sir,—In order that enquiries as to the facilities for secondary education offered by this city may be fully and expeditiously answered, it would be convenient, if not necessary, to issue a calendar of the Victoria College and High School, indicating the course of study therein pursued, and giving other information needed. I trust, however, before such publication is produced, that a clear decision as to the nature and scope of the instruction to be given in this school should be arrived at, and that decision, when once made, should not be lightly altered or set aside.

At present, as you are aware, pupils are prepared for the departmental junior, intermediate, and senior examinations, and I expect at next teachers' examination to present at least one candidate for the senior academic certificate. In addition to preparation for these examinations, bookkeeping and typewriting are provided for all pupils in the High School section.

Affiliation with McGill University, however, will, if not necessary, necessitate considerable modification of this course. After passing the junior departmental examination, pupils will be expected to prepare for the McGill University matriculation in arts, which is accepted by the Education Department of this province in lieu of the intermediate examination; and after matriculation, first year's work in arts will be taken up by the college or university department.

But it seems to me that education along the lines of the arts course alone is not all that can be expected of the High School which ought to meet as many and as varied demands as is possible without altering its constitution entirely, or dissipating its energy over too wide a range of subjects. This could be done by allowing the pupil to choose whether he will matriculate in arts, medicine or applied science. He would thus be enabled to select such studies as might be most congenial to the bent of his mind, and most useful to the career he may have chosen. A glance at the university calendar will show you that while many subjects are common to matriculation in all these faculties, considerable freedom of choice remains, and that a pupil, by judicious selection, may acquire the knowledge that is usually deemed to be requisite as a preliminary to the studies of medicine and applied science and engineering respectively. I do not transcribe from the university calendar the alternatives to which I refer. They are well known to you; and, besides, I am only indicating the faintest outline of a scheme, the details of which I am prepared to fill in should the board instruct me to do so.

In addition to this, it will be necessary to extend instruction in the commercial branch by adding the study of stenography, commercial law, etc., to our present curriculum. To do this, it will be necessary for the board to appoint a teacher who shall be able to teach not only the art of bookkeeping, but also to give instruction in stenography and all other subjects usually included in a commercial course.

The High School cannot be expected to turn out men and women fully equipped for any particular trade or profession. That is the function of the technical school or of the university. But it is reasonable to demand that the boy who is designed for a trade or profession should enter upon his more technical studies equipped with the knowledge, and trained by such mental discipline as may be most useful to him in his chosen career. This demand I think could be in a great measure met by the judicious choice of subjects above suggested.

I hope you will pardon me if, in the above remarks I seem to have wandered from the subject of this letter, which is a request that the board of governors of the Victoria College will be so good as to take into consideration the advisability of issuing a college calendar, which request I beg that you will be so good as to lay before them.

EDWARD B. PAUL,
Principal.

Laid on the table pending a meeting of the board of governors of Victoria College.

Chairman Drury drew attention to the desirability of enforcing the law necessitating the teachers issuing monthly cards to parents showing pupil's conduct in school, etc. A motion was passed instructing the superintendent to see that the system is reverted to.

The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to $863.77. Adopted.

Tenders for placing an iron fence around the High School grounds were received from Thomas Caterall, $348; Christie & Spofford, $422.50; A. McCrimmon, $397. The contract was awarded to Mr. Caterall.

On Trustee Boggs' calling attention to a complication which has arisen respecting plumbing at the Rock Bay school, Trustee Jay gave notice that at a future meeting he would urge the desirability of the architect being employed to superintend all improvements made in the public school buildings.

At suggestion of Supt. Eaton, the board instructed the secretary to convey thanks to teachers and pupils, mayor, Ladies of Friendly Help and Aberdeen Association, Chief Watson and staff, Mr. St. Clair, Mr. Johnson, Messrs. Nesbitt, and the press, for kind assistance in making the children's exhibition the huge success it was.

Supt. Eaton acknowledged the receipt of a set of Encyclopedia Britannica for the High School and was instructed to thank the donor.

The following resolutions were passed:

"Whereas this board desires to encourage the physical development of the pupils of all the schools. Therefore resolved, that the building and grounds committee be requested to secure an estimate of the cost of a set of parallel bars for the following schools: South Park, North Ward, Victoria West."

"That the City Council be requested to grade and construct a walk round Yates street and Fernwood road frontage of the school reserve."

The board then adjourned.

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W. C. WELLS,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department, Victoria B. C., 26th March, 1903.

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Dated 16th day of February, 1903
ROBERTSON & RUDGE.

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