

REGARDING ROADS.

Roadmaking is receiving a great deal of attention in England just now, and a County Council's Association was recently held at which valuable papers were read and important discussions took place.

In his paper on systematic patching, Mr. Pickering deals with one of the most important of all the questions concerning road costs that are most urgent, least attended to, and least recognized as a governing factor in cost and comfort.

The lack of appreciation of the value of intelligent patching is bad enough, on matters of this kind, but it has become more than ever necessary on steam-roller made surfaces, but it is still worse on wood pavements, where a road paved with them is liable to get into a state in which every defective block becomes an infective centre of destruction.

In explanation of the increased cost of highway maintenance and the generally unsatisfactory condition of the roads it was pointed out that the great increase of population and the larger per capita distribution of goods passing on the roads now accounts very largely for these things even without taking into account the extra wear and tear resulting from rapid motor traffic.

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Mr. J. A. Brodie of Liverpool, gave his experience with the use of macadam. We quote from the Times on this point:

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We suggest that some of the points brought out in the discussion at the above mentioned association may be well worth consideration by our municipal officials. The experience of English cities, where the climate is not very dissimilar to ours ought to be an excellent guide.

A WARNING

The death of young Ian Cameron has a lesson for others than young boys. With the increase of population in Victoria has come an increase of vehicular traffic of all kinds, and the people cannot with impunity be as careless as they used to be in the days when the streets were less crowded than they now are, and there were fewer vehicles of all kinds.

Another matter may be mentioned. The congestion of traffic on Government street on Saturday night is becoming serious, especially at the points of junction with Yates and Fort, and the former particularly. The sidewalks are always crowded on Saturday evening. Last Saturday

might, for example, many people had to walk in the carriage way, and there was nothing to bring out more pedestrians than usual. The police will have to be very much on the alert to prevent accidents, especially from motors, the drivers of which are not always as careful as they ought to be. A week or two ago a little before 10 p. m. on a Saturday a motor car came down Yates and swung into Government street at a rate not much under thirty miles an hour.

THE RESERVOIR.

The reservoir on Smith's Hill—and, by the way, the name might be changed to Reservoir Hill, as it has no historical significance in its present name—might easily be made one of the most valuable assets of the city from the scenic point of view. It may be doubted if from any point within any other city in the world there is such an outlook as from the top of the reservoir. Certainly there can be nothing finer, it is understood, than the plans of the city contemplate the enclosure of the reservoir with a fence, and that the public will not be admitted. The stone coping surrounding the great basin itself shows that no one is expected to be upon the rocks, and the enclosing embankment, for it is inconceivable that any one would leave such a body of water unprotected if people were to be allowed to approach it.

FLAX CULTURE

The adaptability of Vancouver Island to the cultivation of flax is well known, and probably the only reason why the industry is not extensively prosecuted is the lack of a market, which, in its turn is due to the length of time necessary to handle the product. By the methods in use in all parts of the world from the excellent times until recently, fourteen weeks are necessary to get flax ready for spinning and five more for bleaching the linen. This was reduced to a considerably shorter period and now a process has been invented whereby flax can be converted into a perfectly bleached linen fibre in twenty-four hours. This will revolutionize the flax industry and will lead to linen becoming cheaper than cotton. Good flax straw will yield at per cent of spinning fibre. If we set over it was; the country is vastly richer than it was ten years ago, and the capita charge for interest is decreasing, and yet the people are better able to pay interest than ever.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIA PEACH CROP

The British Columbia peach crop is going to be light this year. Now, Mr. Secretary for Agriculture, while we have not the least doubt you are right in your foreboding, for you generally are about such things, we hope you are not going to get into the habit of telling us about a failure of the peach crop. You would appreciate the point of view of a grower who has given you this observation if for about a quarter of a century more or less you had annually received from the Associated Press a telegram stating that the peach crop will be a failure. The peach crop is always a failure according to these telegrams.

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The Waterways Treaty was under discussion in the House of Commons last week, and in the course of the debate Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimated that it might not be acceptable to Canada since the United States Senate had made certain changes in it. He declined to express himself definitely. We quote his language on this point: The amendment which has been made to the treaty has been such as to cause us to pause before we would advise the ratification of it. Some things have to be considered before we make up our minds finally upon it. The first is: What are the physical conditions which are to be affected by the amendment? What are the rights of the riparian owners? and so on. This is a question which we have not yet had time to investigate. I have consulted the Minister of Justice, and we have come to the conclusion that the time has not arrived for us to reach any decision in this matter, and it would not therefore be proper for me to offer any opinion.

THE DEATH OF YOUNG IAN CAMERON

The death of young Ian Cameron, the victim of the street car accident yesterday was one of the saddest incidents that has recently occurred in this city. What are the physical conditions which are to be affected by the amendment? What are the rights of the riparian owners? and so on. This is a question which we have not yet had time to investigate. I have consulted the Minister of Justice, and we have come to the conclusion that the time has not arrived for us to reach any decision in this matter, and it would not therefore be proper for me to offer any opinion.

THE QUESTION OF THE OLYMPIC PENNINE CONTRACTS

Victoria people will be much interested in the following paragraph from the Seattle Times: On the Olympic Peninsula, contracts for new Milwaukee and Harriman lines probably will be let within the next few days. Milwaukee purchases of timber lands have been renewed, and surveying crews for both roads are swarming over the country. On the purchase by the Milwaukee of additional timber areas will hang the date of the completion of its road from Aberdeen to Ozette Lake and the Soladuck River country in Clallam County.

IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE ALDERMEN

are not going to make a mistake about the question of the valuation of the Seattle Times. The question of acquiring that plant at a fair valuation has never been submitted to the ratepayers of the city, and those aldermen who take it for granted that a bylaw, authorizing the purchase at such a valuation, Lord Charles Beresford thinks the over sees Dominion has better build crucifixes and not Dreadnoughts. This is a case of the sober second thought making itself felt. The "Colonist" was not so far wrong after all when it declined to join in the Dreadnought cry, and preferred to await developments.

WE FULLY AGREE WITH THE TORONTO

Globe that it is very unpatriotic to represent that the financial credit of the Dominion has been lowered, unless the ratepayers of the city are asked to pay for it. The Dominion is less than ever it was; the country is vastly richer than it was ten years ago, and the capita charge for interest is decreasing, and yet the people are better able to pay interest than ever.

WE PRINT THIS MORNING ON THE FIRST

page of the supplement excellent portraits of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and also reproductions of their most recent photographs. The Prince has been very much more in the public eye recently than he has hitherto been the case. His tastes are domestic and his disposition retiring, but it is understood that the King has a prominent part in affairs and he has accepted his new responsibility with good grace and much success.

IT IS STATED THAT THE NATIONAL

Editorial Congress will meet in Seattle this year, and therefore the invitation extended by the Department of Immigration to hold their session in Vancouver, will not be accepted. It is altogether likely that many of the persons in attendance at the Congress will visit Victoria, and in fact correspondence has already begun with the Secretary of the Development League on the subject.

THE REV. S. J. THOMPSON WHO HAS

been pastor of the Centennial Methodist church for the past few years, will leave the city in the course of a few days for Kelowna. It is fitting to say of him that during his stay here he has not only endeared himself to his congregation, but gained the respect and the whole community by reason of his many pieties. The Colonist wishes him and his family every happiness in their new field.

HARVARD HOUSE FOR MUSEUM.

London, May 28.—The Harvard House in Stratford-on-Avon, the birthplace of John Harvard, which was purchased last year by Edward Morris, of Chicago, has been entirely renovated and fitted up as a museum and will shortly be opened to the public. This work is being done under the direction of the trustees, who include Sir Thomas Lipton and Marie Corelli.

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TWO CHINA CABINETS IN THE POPULAR "EARLY ENGLISH"

Here are two attractive china cabinet styles in Early English finished oak—stylish furniture pieces and useful, too. These are but sample pieces from a very extensive and complete stock of china cabinets we are showing on our third floor. We invite you to see these offerings. Other diningroom furniture of interest is also shown on this floor.

- CHINA CABINET—A corner style, very popular, in Early English finished oak. Has bent glass door, four shelves and two mirrors. An attractive design. Priced at... \$30.00
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NEW REED ROCKERS



FINE VALUES IN REED ROCKERS

WE ARE SHOWING some fine Reed Rockers and are offering splendid values in these chair styles. We also have some new arrivals in Arm Chairs, Reception and "Occasional" Chairs in Reed. The construction of these chairs is a "feature" worth while. They are made to withstand lots of real hard wear—built to last. So often cheap reed chair styles shake to pieces quickly, rockers are cut in such a manner as to make the chair tilt to an uncomfortable angle.

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REED ARM CHAIRS, at each... \$12.00
REED RECEPTION CHAIRS, each, \$10.50
REED "OCCASIONAL" CHAIRS, each \$5.50

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THE SILVER SHOP is now brimful of charming wedding gift suggestions. Wedding gift pieces of famous "1847 Rogers Bros." silver—the silver that will last and be in use when the golden wedding day comes around.

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CANDLESTICKS—New designs, at each \$4 and... \$3.00
MARMALADE JAR, TRAY AND SPOON—From \$5.00 down to... \$3.50
SALTS AND PEPPERS—All silver-plate, per pair... \$2.00
SALTS AND PEPPERS—Cut glass, sterling tops, at \$3.00 down to... \$2.00
FERN POTS—Very attractive, \$4.50 to... \$2.50
INDIVIDUAL CASTERS—Salt and pepper, silver-mounted china, at each \$3.75 and... \$3.50
GRAVY LADLE—In lined case... \$1.50
SALT, PEPPER AND MUSTARD—In Caster, at \$4.50 down to... \$3.50
EGG CRUETS—Gilt lined cups, spoons and stand: six cup style at \$9.00; 4 cups, \$7.50; 3 cups... \$6.00
BERRY SPOONS—Gilt lined in lined case. At \$2.50 and... \$2.00
SUGAR SHELL—In lined case... \$1.00
A. D. COFFEE SPOONS—All patterns. Set of six in lined case at... \$2.00
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ENDS TROUBLES THE REVOLVE ROUTE

Charles Faulk, Ballard Carter, Suicides Because of Death of Child and In of Wife—Daughter In

Seattle, May 28.—While two sisters were attempting to write him his revolver, Charles Faulk, Ballard Carter, turned the weapon himself and ended his life in the room of his father's home, 111 Fifty-ninth street yesterday afternoon. The bullet went through his forehead and the death of his wife, the mother of the child, was the cause of the tragedy.

Faulk was 41 years of age, a year-old daughter survives. In December a baby was born and died in short time. His wife, a reason and was sent to the hospital. Recently he tried to dispose of the child, but was prevented. The fact wife was in the asylum he had in giving a clear title to the property. A few weeks ago he was in his own house to the home of his wife. Yesterday he came in and went to bed and left it again almost daily. Mrs. Boyle's oldest child followed him as she feared his wife might have affected his mind. Mrs. Boyle had a key in his pocket in the house.

In order to get the keys he took out his revolver, which he placed upon the table. Mrs. Boyle the weapon and started away. Her brother wrested it from her grasp, only to lose possession again when a younger sister beat it.

BOATSWAIN OF PENNSYLVANIA IN

Accident at Seattle Following of United States Cruiser F the South

When the United States day evening an accident occurred result of which Boatswain J. Hamilton was seriously injured. Dropping the port anchor, the boat struck the outer wall, mangle both limbs below the knees. The bones were broken and the crushed and the man was in a man may be permanently disabled. The man was in a man may be permanently disabled. The man was in a man may be permanently disabled.

So quickly did the mishap occur that the men on the bridge concluded the men had been injured by the cable and thrown into the bay. The three men were picked up together, and Charlton and M. stated the boatswain, who was injured but still conscious. The boat was in a man may be permanently disabled.

MONEY NEEDED CONSUMPTIVE HOME

Nearly One Hundred Dollars Required to Complete Tranquille Sanatorium—Will Finish Building

To procure for British Columbia thoroughly modern sanatorium treatment of tuberculosis, a needed. Up to the present day thing slightly in excess of \$100,000 has been collected. It has been in the building now under construction, the cost of other structures of a temporary nature, maintenance and the make the institution a public place. The institution is a public place. The institution is a public place.